

# Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, August 14, 2017

Dear Friends,

Is there something hard that you have been unable to do—to reform a bad habit, to reconcile with a friend or family member, to take the next step that calls you?

This week we'll consider Joseph, who faces the hardest decision—to reconcile with brothers, who've treated him horribly. They hatched a plot to kill him, but ended up selling him into slavery. As Ken said last week in his sermon on Joseph, "Families are complicated."

Twenty-two years later Joseph decides to reconcile with his brothers. How does he do it? He takes a bigger view. When we take the bigger view, we can find the hardest task or challenge suddenly easier, even compelling. On Sunday we'll explore what it means to take a bigger view, and God's place in our vision.

See you in church on Sunday... and, if you find it hard to get to church, take the bigger view!

See you Sunday,



The Rev. Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

*Small Groups* are gatherings where CitF members and new friends can explore questions of faith and deepen fellowship. These groups are open to visitors who wish to find out more and experience a meeting.

You are invited to the *Small Group Bible Study* that meets every **Sunday at 8:30 AM** in the Multi-purpose Room where the topic is the day's sermon scripture lesson.

**Pastor Joanne** is exploring interest for four new *Small Groups*:

- a second "Soul Sisters"
- a group devoted to discussion of spiritual classics and popular titles
- a group devoted to music of sacred meaning.
- a men's group, led by Bob Axley and John Thorbeck
- a bereavement/grief group led by Bill Rolland

Please email her to let her know of your interest at:  
joanne@churchintheforest.org

## Calendar

**Sunday August 20, 2017 — Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:30 AM** Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Rev. Ken Feske  
Topic: Genesis 45:1–15  
**9:15 AM Chapel Concertino**  
**9:30 AM Morning Prayer**  
**Passages** 2 Corinthians 5: 5–10; Psalm 27; Genesis 45:1–15  
**Lector** Dennis Riley  
**Crucifer** Judy Fletcher  
**Ushers** Jan Stine & Marilyn Gorman  
**Flowers** Gary & Shirley Gregersen  
**Altar Care** Martha Jordan & Sandy Rice  
**Cookies** Mary Jane Sligar  
**Coffee Hour Hosts** Bob & Cynthia Perry  
Jim Hicks & Kathryn Lawrence  
**Sermon** The Rev. Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.  
**Title** "Fresh Starts from Old Stories ~ A Sermon Series on Genesis"  
This Sunday: "Fresh Start from a Bigger View"

**Sunday, September 24, 2017 — Fall Anniversary Party**

**Sunday, October 1, 2017 — St. Francis Sunday/Blessing of the Animals**

**Sunday, October 8, 2017 — Reception of New Members**

*Music Box*

AUGUST 20, 2017

**Robert Armstead, bass-baritone**  
**Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ**

CHAPEL CONCERTINO/SOLAR SING-A-LONG

- Today..... Randy Sparks
- You Are My Sunshine.....Jimmie Davis/Charles Mitchell
- Smile..... John Turner/Geoffrey Parsons/Charles Chaplin
- On the Sunny Side of the Street..... Dorothy Fields/Jimmy McHugh
- When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain..... Howard Johnson/  
Harry Woods
- Deep Purple..... Mitchell Parish/Peter De Rose
- The Best Things In Life Are Free ..... Buddy De Sylva/Lew Brown/  
Ray Henderson
- The Lord Is My Light (Psalm XXVII)..... Frances Allitsen
- Also sprach Zarathustra! ~ Sunrise..... Richard Strauss

We're going to chase the eclipse Monday, leaving right after church to drive to Oakland to fly to Kansas City, where we have a place to stay with relatives. We'll land at 9:45 pm CDT Sunday, and drive directly north about 30 miles to the center of the path of totality, where we sleep in the rental car, as the hotels and motels and so forth have been sold out since just before the Civil War in anticipation. (We could stay overnight with our relatives in Kansas City, but then we would have to drive north on eclipse morning with 24 million other observers on the same highway.) After the event (about 1 pm CDT) we drive slowly back to Kansas City, along with the same 24 million post-eclipse-ions, then fly back home on Wednesday.

So the music for the service is somewhat moon-and-sun centered, mostly familiar popular tunes that many of us know AND CAN SING ALONG TO! WORD SHEETS PROVIDED! The eclipse presents us a stellar opportunity to practice forgiveness to (a) the moon for blocking out the sun in a 2.5 minute demonstration of what it could do if we don't straighten up and fly right, (b) me for an opportunistic pun earlier in the sentence, and (c) you for not even noticing. I know some eclipse jokes but will not print them for fear that you would stare at them too long.

*Melinda Coffey Armstead*



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