

**Music Box**

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

**Laura Anderson, soprano**  
**Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ**

Hermit Songs, Op. 29.....Samuel Barber (1910-1981)  
At Saint Patrick’s Purgatory  
The Crucifixion  
The Monk and his Cat  
The Desire for Hermitage

The King of Love My Shepherd Is ..... traditional Irish melody  
arranged by Dan Forrest

And Can It Be..... Dan Forrest  
(text by Charles Wesley)

Rondeau from Abdelazar.....Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

These “Hermit Songs” by Samuel Barber have texts written by monks in Ireland in the eighth through thirteenth centuries. Some were just private thoughts, some of those written in margins of books they were copying or illuminating, probably none of them ever intended for singing. These were all-male societies of a broad spectrum of laborers, scholars, and cast-off illegitimates, sequestered to meditate and worship God. They lived in an age free of indoor plumbing and obsessive hygiene, unencumbered by the frills that some might call a woman’s touch. Interesting to picture, a bunch of guys studying, praying, eating, cooking, cleaning, repairing, gardening, and caring for each other. And writing down their thoughts, some of which, we might speculate, not really suitable for prayer. But from all these undistracted brain cells came simple words of poetic beauty and purity, touching on our everyday concerns and common pleasures with warmth and humanity. “Ah! To be all alone in a little cell with nobody near me .... Alone I came into the world, alone I shall go from it.”

*Melinda Coffey Armstead*



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Monday morning, August 29, 2016

Dear Members and Friends,

We've got metrics for measuring our finances, career and fitness. But what about measuring a meaningful life? Is there an "app" for that? We'll explore that question in this Sunday's service and sermon!



Joanne Swenson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We appreciate the immediate feedback you're providing on our chapel sound system. Your comments will help us to fine-tune the system for consistent amplification in all sections of the room. Please let us know how we're progressing, as we work toward great sound for all seats!

Every Sunday you're invited to preview that day's sermon scripture text in a lively and warm Bible Study, led by our Assistant Minister, **Ken Feske**. Join us at 8:30 am in the "Multipurpose Room" located on our church's deck.

Name tags enable each of us to greet one another by name, which is really a blessing for those of us whose mental filing cabinets are so full that retrieving a name often takes more than a moment or two! You do not need to be a "member" to have a printed name-tag—we want all of our regular attenders/friends of our CitF family to have one. If you do not have a printed name tag, please alert Sherry in the office so that you will have one next week!

If you are a current Lector, or if you have interest in learning more about reading during worship services, there will be a Lector meeting on **Thursday, September 1, 2016, at 4:30 pm at the parsonage** in Pacific Grove. Please let **Sherry** know if you're interested in attending and she can give you the gate code.

Sign-ups: We have ushering opportunities available! If you've never ushered before, give it a try! Each Sunday, our ushers welcome guests, old and new, to Church in the Forest, contributing to a warm and loving experience. Might you be willing to help us welcome folks? We also are in need of Crucifers, which requires a bit of training. If you have an interest in serving the Lord in this manner or would like more information on just what being a Crucifer entails, please contact Joanne or Sherry.

Don't forget to sign up for the **29th Annual Fall Function**. Our heartfelt thanks to **Joe and Nancy Verska** for again offering to host us in their beautiful home in Pebble Beach. The date is **September 25, from 5:00–7:00 pm**. Put your name on the list today on the bulletin board, or contact **Sherry** in the church office.

Our congregation shares the sorrow of farewells and solaces of faith with family and friends of these CitF community members, who recently died... **Jacqueline Seaton**, a founding member of CitF; and **Johnnie Marshall**, father of CitF member, **Johnna Jansma**.

### Calendar

**Sunday September 4, 2016—Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:30 AM** Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Rev. Ken Feske "Figure the Cost" Luke 14:25-33. A challenging passage on the standards for Christian discipleship.

**9:15 AM** Music Prelude

**9:30 AM** Holy Communion

**Passages** Jeremiah 18:1–11; Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18; Luke 14:27–32

**Lector** Dick Crowell **Crucifer** Skip Lord

**Flowers** John & Judy Kennedy

**Cookies** Maggie Holm & Gloria Wagner

**Ushers** Bill Fox & Hamilton Dix-Fox

**Oblation Bearer** Liz Lord

**Prayers of the People** Mia Jarick

**Altar Care** Sandy Rice and Nancy Zahm

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

**Title** "Metrics for Meaningful Life"

**Thursday, September 1, 4:30** at the Manse. Call Sherry to reply/get gate code  
**September 6, 2016, Tuesday Study Group**, "My Uniqueness—when's the last time you climbed a tree?" Zacchaeus provides a springboard to examining our own uniqueness. Meet at Gloria Bigelow's, 3138 Bird Rock Road, 10:15-11:30  
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