

Music Box

— SEPTEMBER 27, 2015 —

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

Where Corals Lie music by Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
words by Richard Garnett
Indian Summer .music by Victor Herbert (1859-1924) words by Al Dubin
September Songmusic by Kurt Weill (1900-1950)
words by Maxwell Anderson (1888-1959)
Les Feuilles Mortes (Autumn Leaves)... music by Joseph Kosma (1905-1969)
lyrics by Jacques Prevert (1900-1977) & Johnny Mercer (1905-1969)
Love Is A Many Splendored Thing music by Sammy Fain
words by Paul Webster
Come, Thou Fount “Nettleton” tune by John Wyeth (1770-1858)
words by Robert Robinson (1758), arranged by Craig Courtney
My First Lonely Night Hachidai Nakamura

In two days (September 29) we depart for Japan, to return in time to make music here Sunday, October 25. At his request, we stop in Hawaii for one day enroute, taking no chances, to allow extra time for repairs to the international date line because of damage caused by the recent (September 23) Fall Equinox. Yes, yes, I did ask, but he's not real big on explanations.

Furthermore he says New Zealanders have an entirely different view of the event, calling it the Spring Equinox, owing to the six month's displacement in the New Zealand news cycle, on account of the delay getting timely information from northern to southern hemispheres. This is because the two hemispheres spin in opposite directions, as we all learned in school. (He grew up in Nebraska. To see a pained expression, ask him if they closed the school his year.)

Anyway, today's music celebrates the change into what autumn would be like if we actually had one.

And here is a schizophrenic preview glued together from the words to some of the songs: The falling leaves drift by my window, and the deeps have music soft and low. Leave me, let me go and see the land where corals lie. It's a long, long while from May to December, but the days grow short, when you reach September, and one hasn't got time for the waiting game. Prone to wander, Lord I FEEL it!

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, September 21, 2015

Good morning,

On behalf of the *Pastor Search Committee* it is my pleasure to update you on our progress. I believe each committee member would tell you there has been a real sense of commitment to this vital work, and we have enjoyed the formative discussions and challenging interviews. We are also blessed to have the superior support of Staff members Sherry St. Clair and Mary Wiltse. Given the fact they will work closely with the new minister, we are taking care to keep them in the loop.

Some specifics about our progress: After five iterations of our “Pastor Ad,” which was then submitted to various media, we have received 36 applications. This is very gratifying. Our process, you may recall, is primarily electronic, utilizing email applications, archived or newly recorded sermons, and Skype. For those unfamiliar with Skype it is an application of telecommunications software that allows for live audio visual contact. And it is free—a great benefit to our *Search* budget. Via much email discussion within our committee, several meetings, three two-hour Skype sessions (a fourth is scheduled for today), and much sermon listening, we have winnowed this group of 36 candidates down to 6 current finalists. Speaking of sermons, those candidates who like to preach beyond 20 minutes or so, say up to half an hour, we tend to put in a less favorable category. Collectively, our *Committee* has listened to approximately 150 hours of sermons. We would only recommend this exercise to anyone desiring to fully understand their flaws or if they’re simply suffering from insomnia.

Thus far, we have had one site visit to a Northern California church where a very strong candidate ministers. Two other committee members were planning to visit there this past Sunday. In early to mid-October we anticipate site visits here by two finalist candidates and their spouses, fortunately at minimal or no cost to us. One couple is vacationing here and the other is resident in our region. Speaking of site visits we did have a serious applicant from Hawaii and, oddly enough, a majority of our *Committee* volunteered to journey there. Actually, I should say we all offered to travel to Kailua. Our better judgement intervened, however, and we had a Skype interview last week.

Let’s focus on timeline for a moment. As we further trim our candidate list, we hope to have had physical contact, be in negotiation with the remaining 2-3 finalists and have a recommendation for our Board by the

end of October. Depending on our new minister’s situation, we should have the candidate on board within the following 60-90 days. Please be aware as we approach our final recommendation that uppermost in our minds are the criteria you so clearly gave us from our survey: strong sermons, devoted pastoral care, and maintaining the quality of worship service we so much enjoy. There are several candidates who can fulfill these requirements, and those we will pursue.

A word about our *Search Budget*. Starting with an arbitrary, initial estimate of \$10,000, we have now expended between \$5-6,000. Should finalists come here from a distance, however, this number will likely be exceeded, but so far our process has been pleasingly economical.

On a somewhat lighter note, given the success of our “Pastor Ad” and the visit by Pope Francis to the U.S. to canonize Father Serra amongst other things, we had hoped he might file an application with CitF. On further thought we realized our parsonage would simply not accommodate meetings with all 219 living Cardinals! Thank you for your continuing prayers and support.

—Dave Nee, Chair, Pastor Search Committee

Calendar

Sunday, September 27, 2015 — 18th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room with the Rev. Ken Feske:
“The Stories of Two Sons and Greedy Farmhands”
Matthew 21: 28-46

9:15 AM **Music Prelude**

9:30 AM **Morning Prayer**

Passages Isaiah 35: 1-10; Psalm 137: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-10

Lector Bob Mulford

Crucifer Leslie Mulford

Flowers Niels and Jan Reimers; Judy Stayduhar

Cookies Kristen Davenport

Ushers Marilyn Gorman and Jan Stine

Altar Care Martha Jordan and Sandy Rice

Sermon the Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title “Let’s Party”

**Sunday, September 27, 2015—28th Annual Fall Function,
5:00-7:00 pm. Contact church office** (citf@mbay.net or
624-1374) to reserve your attendance and for the exact address
of this “not to be missed” event!

Sunday, October 4, after the service, *Meeting of the Congregation* to approve
the revised Bylaws.

Tuesday, October 6, 10:15-11:30 *Study Group*: “Four and goal: Trials and
Tribulations” James 1:1-18. Pressure comes, choices are required... how do
you handle it? Join the conversation, meeting location TBD.