

Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, October 8, 2018

Dear Friends,

We've been following the story of Kate Bowler in our Sunday Sermon Series on suffering and faith.

Kate's first bout of serious illness was not cancer, but a problem with her arms. Early in the book she recounts that her arms take on a surreal limpness, with an inability to hold things, write or even type. She begins to wear arms braces to deal with the pain.

Meanwhile, she soldiers on, continuing her research at a small Prosperity Gospel church, where she has become familiar to its members. Seeing her arm braces, they take a personal interest in her malady. "People wanted to see me pushed up to the stage to be healed by a celebrated Man of God or brushed to the side with teams of women touching my arms, my back, my head, and laboring over me in prayer."

Kate has her own measures. She consults a series of doctors for help, and no one is able to assist her. Then Kate hears from a distant childhood friend from school orchestra days, who recommends consulting a physical therapist who works with string musicians.

This is the answer: "She diagnosed my problem easily. This woman restored the use of my arms with a little known school of body work called, 'Postural Restoration.' Presto! Just like that, a dark chapter of my life closed."

What happened here? The prayers of her Prosperity Gospel friends, or Postural Restoration? Or . . . ?

We'll address these questions this Sunday. But, for an in-depth conversation, please join me and others for a three-meeting Book Club small group, beginning this Thursday, October 11, 5:45 – 6:45 PM, at 549 Hillcrest Avenue, Pacific Grove.

See you Thursday and Sunday,



The Reverend Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

Calendar

Sunday October 14, 2018 — 21st Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Reverend Ken Feske. Topic: Romans 8: 26–27

9:15 AM Chapel Concertino **9:30 AM Morning Prayer**

Passages 2 Kings: 20 1–6; Psalm 6; Romans 8: 26–27

Lector John Kessel **Crucifer** Leslie Mulford

Fellowship Marge Moore and Nancy Borino

Flowers Lettie Bennett

Ushers ??

Altar Care Martha Jordan, Linda Hanel, Linda Mackie, Ruth Horn

Sermon The Reverend Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

Title Fall Sermon Series: *Everything Happens for a Reason?*

This Sunday: "How does Prayer Work?"

Our new on-line Church Directory is coming; photographs will be taken October 22–25 at CitF. Sign up now! Contact Mia Jarick at (831) 917-3202 or miajarick1@yahoo.com.

A community *Blessing of the Animals* event will be held at Caledonia Park in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. **Saturday, October 11, 11am–12 noon.**

Want to get more out of our fall sermon series book, [*Everything Happens for a Reason \(And Other Lies I've Loved\)*](#). Want to connect with others on the questions posed by illness and disability? Please join us on Thursdays, for one or all three meetings of this short-term small group: **October 11, October 25, November 8. All meetings will be 5:45–6:45 PM**, at Lynn Goree's house: 549 Hillcrest Ave., PG. Your RSVP's will help our planning: please contact our office (terri@churchintheforest.org) or Joanne (joanne@churchintheforest.org).

PLEASE NOTE: New Sunday Worship Times

We will start with the "fall back" time change on **Sunday, November 4**

Concertino **9:45 AM** and Worship **10:00 AM**

Rejoice, O Sleepy Heads!

SMALL GROUPS: *These are gatherings where CitF members and friends can explore faith and deepen fellowship.*

- The *Small Group Bible Study* is held **each Sunday at 8:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room where the topic is the sermon Bible lesson of the day.
- The *Men's Small Group Bible Study* gathers **October 11, 10–11:30 am** in the Multipurpose Room, studying the life of King David (1 and 2 Samuel, 1 Kings) with inspiration from the Eugene Peterson book, "Leap Over a Wall."
- *Women's Bible Study*, **October 11, 10:30 am–12:00**, at the Beach and Tennis Club, studying "Women of the New Testament." Always free and all women are welcome!
- *Sisters in the Forest* gathers on **October 18, 12 noon–1:15 pm** at Linda Mackie's home, 3110 Bird Rock Rd., Pebble Beach. All women welcome!

Music Box

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**Katherine Edison, soprano
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ**

CHAPEL CONCERTINO

- The Heart Worships Alice Brockton/Gustav Holst (1874-1934)
- Psalm 23 Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)
- I Vow To Thee, My Lord..... Gustav Holst
- Praise Be To Thee Mack Harrell/G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

- Laureate Dominum
from Solemn Vespers W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

- Chaconne..... G. F. Handel

The Heart Worships

Silence in Heaven, Silence on Earth, Silence within!
 Thy hush, O Lord, O'er all the world covers the din.
 I do not fear to speak of thee in mortal kind
 And yet to all thy namelessness I am not blind.
 Only I need and kneel again thy touch to win;
 Silence in Heaven, Silence on Earth, Silence within!

—Alice M. Brockton

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, November 4, at 3:30 pm at CitF for a spectacular recital given by **Paul Wilmot**, pianist and organist extraordinaire! This talented former student of mine is flying in all the way from Norway to perform Bach and Chopin (and spend a week here among us). Don't miss it!

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