

Music Box

— MAY 6, 2012 —

William Faulkner, Jalisco harp
Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ

- Chapala Pepe Guizar
- Dicen Que Los Hombres No Deben LLorar Mario Sanz
- Las Blancas Flores Early California traditional
- Bésame Mucho..... Consuelo Velázquez
- Que Lindo es Michoacán Tito Guizar

- Amazing Grace John Newton

- Un Día a la Vez Marijohn Wilkin

- El Astillero traditional

Cinco de Mayo is a day of celebration in Mexico, being the anniversary of a famous battle (in Puebla, Mexico) in 1862 between French and Mexican forces. The French had such superior numbers, equipment, choreography, uniforms, training, and sense of style, that in any reasonable military sense they obliterated the Mexicans, notwithstanding the actual outcome, in which 4,000 ragtag Mexicans cleaned 6,000 French clocks. (A charming figure of speech in English that sits uneasily in Spanish and is completely incomprehensible in French.)

Well, the survivors of the French militia were unanimous about what to do next, leading to the mean-spirited observation by some Mexican wag that the French only put camouflage on the backsides of their uniforms, and that France would have lost the French Revolution had not the opponents also been French. Fortunately these are softer, gentler times, in which we judge our foreign friends with a perspective broadened by history, knowing we can count on all of them to be there when they need us.

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, April 30, 2012

Dear members and friends,

In keeping with yesterday's lesson from the Apostle John, referring to Jesus as the Shepherd, willing to give his life for others and lead us by his action to always reach out to others in love and compassion, I want to share something from a dear friend, a Methodist minister, the Reverend Bob Holmes. Bob and his wife used to visit here from Montana every year and attended the Church in the Forest when they were in the community.

Bob had a radio ministry back in Helena where, over the airwaves, he would send out his gospel message. The short program was called *Life Lifter Series*. Here is one that fits with yesterday's scripture reading and on through the sermon.

"You probably don't remember the name of Joseph Meister but you do, I am sure, recall the name of Louis Pasteur. Well, Meister was the name of the young Alsatian boy on whom Pasteur tried his first anti-rabies vaccine. A rabid dog had savagely bitten the lad, and since the incubation period of rabies is a month or more, Pasteur hoped to be able to immunize the boy against the deadly virus that was already in his body. After twelve injections of the rabies vaccine in increasing strength, the boy returned to his native village completely cured.

"But the end of the story is equally dramatic, as Rene Duvos tells us in his book on Louis Pasteur. Some time after Pasteur's death Joseph Meister became the gatekeeper at the Pasteur Institute in Paris. In 1940, the Nazi army invaded and insisted on opening Pasteur's burial tomb. Rather than open the gate to the soldiers, Joseph Meister gave his own life... the very life that Louis Pasteur had saved fifty-five years earlier.

"Most of us can't hope to repay all those to whom we are indebted. The best we can do, in the name of those who have given to us, is to give to someone else. That may be in fact the very way that it is meant to be."

See you at church and, I hope, before at the special Spring Breakfast.



William B. Rolland

Announcement: Please note that a service of celebration for the life of **Dorothy Newton**, who had been a member of Church in the Forest for a number of years before going into a care facility in Carmel Valley, is set for this **Saturday, May 5, at 11:00 AM at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Carmel Valley.**

Calendar

Sunday, May 6, 2012

8:30 AM No Bible Study this week due to Spring Breakfast

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Holy Communion

Passages Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98:1-9; John 15: 1-11

Lector Natalie Stewart

Crucifer Skip Lord

Flowers Dennis and Marie Riley

Cookies N/A due to Spring Breakfast

Prayers of the People Howard Colehower

Oblation Bearer Liz Lord

Altar Care Martha Jordan

Ushers Howard Colehower and Jack Davis

Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title Connection is everything

Sunday, May 6, 2012 — Spring Breakfast, 8:00 am, Stevenson cafeteria