

Music Box

MAY 18, 2014

Hillet Botha, piano

Jonathan Vu, violin

- The Lord's PrayerAlbert Hay Malotte (1895–1964)
arranged by David Dally
- Theme from “Schindler’s List”John Williams (b. 1933)
- “Ave Maria”Franz Schubert (1797–1828)
- “He, the most Noblest of All”Robert Schumann (1810–1856)
- “Meditation”Alexander Glazunov (1865–1936)
- Etude, Opus 10, number 12.....Frédéric Chopin (1820–1849)

Albert Hay Malotte was an American pianist, organist, composer and educator. He composed a number of film scores but is best known for his setting of the “Lord’s Prayer.”

The theme from “Schindler’s List” is from the movie with the same name. It was composed in 1993 by John Williams, one of the most successful American orchestral composers of the modern age.

Franz Schubert composed “Ave Maria” in 1825 as part of his Opus 52, a setting of seven songs from Walter Scott’s popular poem “The Lady of the Lake.” It is one of his most popular works and was also arranged in three versions for piano by Franz Liszt.

Schumann’s song comes from the song-cycle “A Woman’s Love and Life.” His choice of text was very probably inspired in part by events in his personal life. He had been courting Clara Wieck, but her father refused to give permission for him to marry her. In 1840, after a legal battle to make such permission unnecessary, he finally married her.

Alexander Glazunov was a Russian composer of the late Romantic period. He was the Director of the St. Petersburg Conservatory and teacher to Shostakovich.

Frédéric Chopin wrote 24 Etudes, each one addressing different technical aspects. Opus 10 number 12 is a study for the left hand with the main melody in the right hand. Although these Etudes are in essence “Studies,” they are viewed as to be part of every pianist’s repertoire and are some of Chopin’s most famous pieces.



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Monday morning, May 12, 2014

Dear Members and Friends,

“Be still and know that I am God.” That is a great verse from Holy Scripture and found in Psalm 46:10. To put a different light on it, I share with you this pointed and humorous piece.

Back in January of 2000, the advice maven, Dr. Joyce Brothers, responded to a letter from a man who moved in with a woman who told him up front that she “couldn’t stand to be alone.” The man soon discovered that the woman “had a non-stop need for conversation. She can’t stand silence for a moment,” he said. Dr. Brothers responded, in part, by pointing out that each of us has two fundamental needs, the need to be alone and the need for companions. The woman in question was suppressing the need for time alone, possibly because of some unmentioned fear that could be traced back to her childhood years.

To find a quiet place, a quiet time, or a quiet friend in today’s noisy world is a difficult task indeed. If it isn’t loud music coming at us in restaurants and sports arenas, it’s the non-stop commercials that assault us virtually every waking moment through our computer and smart phone. It is as though a vast conspiracy exists out there determined to keep us living on the surface of our years, uncentered and in frenzied disarray.

Whatever our theology, we can agree on the importance for the inner life of set times for quiet reflection and prayer. I don’t know about you, but when I neglect that, I feel less capable for life in this world. Action and noise needs to be balanced by stillness; the need to speak by the need to listen, the need to go out and about with the need to go inward. Many of us who come to church searching for that “something,” recognize that to one degree or another, our lives are somewhat out of whack, and we may also recognize that the reason for that is nothing more than the neglected quiet.

Someone said it like this: “We are arrears in silence. The greatest individuals in history took time to be still. How can we lesser mortals afford to deny ourselves of what Proust so feelingly described as “the exhilarating virtue of solitude?”

Be still and know! See you in church,



William B. Rolland

ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you would like to consider ordering a plaque for the *Memorial Garden*, please contact **Bill Rolland, Bob Janzen or Carol Sullivan** if you have any questions.

Upcoming events: **Spring Mid-week studies:** “Jesus, Bombs and Ice Cream” is an invitation to dialogue and dream, to disagree and discuss... a conversation for consideration: “Our Grief Is Not a Cry For War” (**May 13**) at the home of **Ruth Gleisner, 3004 Sloat in Pebble Beach, 10:15-11:30 am.** “With All Your Heart.” find out what it means to remember the Lord in your own life by weaving together the Bible’s fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts “He Led Them Like a Shepherd.” Filmed on location in Negev (**May 14**) in the **Multi-purpose Room at CitF, 5:30-6:30 pm.**

The **May 18** breakfast for the Visitation Committee has been postponed. The group can caucus on **June 1** before the Congregational meeting to set a new date.

Calendar

Sunday, May 18, 2014

8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker. Study Bible by William Barclay. Beginning with the Foreword, General Introduction, Editor’s Preface and The Introduction to The Gospel. Matthew 1: 1-17 The Lineage of the King

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages I Peter 2: 2-10; Psalm: 31: 1-5, 15-16; John 14: 1-14

Lector Lloyd Nattkemper

Crucifer Judy Fletcher

Flowers Jim and Sharon Chibidakis

Cookies Carol Williams

Altar Care Leonora Branca and Martha Jordan

Ushers Wim and Tonneke van der Linden

Sermon The Rev. Ken Feske

Title “A Prescription For Heart Trouble”

Sunday, May 25, 2014 — Stevenson School Graduation. No Coffee Hour

Sunday, June 1, 2014 — Annual Meeting of the Congregation after church

Sunday, June 8, 2014 — Reception of New Members