

Music Box

MAY 25, 2014

Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano and organ

Prelude for "The Greatest Generation"

The Marines' Hymn, The Wild Blue Yonder, Caisson Song Anchors Aweigh, Sentimental Journey, Til We Meet Again, Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree, Moonlight Serenade, I'll See You in My Dreams, Bless 'em All, It's a Lovely Day Tomorrow, For All We Know, Now Is the Hour, We'll Meet Again, I'll Be Seeing You, You'll Never Know, Comin' In On a Wing and a Prayer, Side By Side

Prelude on "Melita" John Dykes, arr. by Roger Wilson (Eternal Father, Strong to Save)

God Bless America Irving Berlin (1888-1989)

"Oh, we ain't got a barrel of money, maybe we're ragged and funny, but we'll travel along, singin' a song, side by side. Don't know what's comin' tomorrow, maybe it's trouble and sorrow, but we'll travel the road, sharin' our load, side by side." —*Harry Woods (1927)*

As a "Navy Brat" (my Dad joined the Navy at age 16 and became a submariner in the Pacific Fleet) I learned our family history through the indelible stories told by my mother and grandmother. People were often identified by their connections with the great wars that form the backbone of our nation's history. Great-great-great-etc... uncles in the Revolutionary War, at the Alamo, the Civil War, WWI, and of greatest personal importance, WWII. On the frequent automobile migrations we made from east to west coasts and back, we would often sing. Picture four kids, two adults, a Siamese cat, snacks, luggage, bedding, stifling heat, no air conditioning and no radio. And (though you may find this hard to believe) after eight hours, open conflict was not that uncommon. "Quit it! Mom, make him stop. I didn't do anything. Yes you did, no I didn't, she started it." Then, "If you kids don't behave you're going to get out and walk." Singing was a pleasant way to ease tension and pass the time remembering "the olden days" before we were born, brought to life by songs of separation, longing, courage and hope; of brave men who risked, and often gave, everything; of brave women left behind to work and hold family life together until Dad came home and we were once more "Side by Side."

PS: Save the date: Sunday, June 15, at 4:00 pm, for a concert by Canadian chanteuse, Barbara Lewis, and yours truly in a "Cabaret in the Forest" concert of love songs and standards.

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Monday morning, May 19, 2014

Dear Members and Friends,

I don't know if it is the hot weather or the fact we honored those creative, caring, compassionate mothers last Sunday for Mother's Day, but for whatever reason I thought of this incident that happened over twenty-five years ago.

I stood in my living room, watching a neighbor of mine cut his lawn. It was a typically hot and sunny Saturday afternoon. My attention was drawn to him because I wondered why he wasn't inside watching the baseball game of the week. But there he was, outside, pushing the gas-powered mower back and forth in endless repetitions, the noise of his lawn mower joining with other mowers from other neighbors in what some people call the "Saturday symphony."

As I watched, a small drama unfolded—in pantomime for me because I was indoors and too far away to hear any of the words. As my neighbor crisscrossed the lawn, suddenly the door to the house opened and his five-year-old son emerged, followed by his wife. She put a small, plastic replica of a gas-powered mower on the grass so that the son could "help dad" cut the grass. Like father; like son.

I watched father and son pursue their separate courses, the son "mowing" over grass that the father had already cut. This charming scene continued for a minute or two, and of course, my heart was warmed by the whole thing.

Then something happened that surprised me, but also made the point with an exclamation. The son abruptly stopped mowing, abandoning the mower where it stood in the lawn. He disappeared into the house, and I thought he was through. He'd had enough, or it was too hot, or he realized he wasn't cutting grass anyway, or his five-year-old attention span had reached its limit. . . none of my guesses was correct.

After a minute or two, he re-emerged followed by his mother. She was carrying one of those plastic grocery bags, resourceful woman that she was. She crouched at the plastic mower and tied the bag to the back of the mower where the handles attach to the blade cover. I glanced over to the father again and knew immediately what was occurring. The

father's mower included a grass-catching bag. The son could not truly be like his father—it wouldn't quite be right—unless he was like his father in every detail. If his father had a grass catcher, then he needed one too.

Jesus said, "Whoever has seen me, has seen the Father." Jesus taught that when one saw him one saw God. He challenges us to do the same. When others see us they should see God. What do we project? Do others see peace, comfort, love? Do we reflect God?

See you in church,



Ken Feske

ANNOUNCEMENT: *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: "Peace is the Cross we Carry" and "Under One Blue Sky" (**May 20**) 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 "By Every Word—Striking the Rock." Filmed on location in Timnah (**May 21**). **In the Multipurpose Room at CitF, 5:30-6:30 pm.**

Calendar

Sunday, May 25, 2014 — Observing Memorial Day

8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker. The Gospel of Matthew; study Bible by William Barclay. Understanding a Genealogy. Matthew 1: 1-17

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages 1 Peter 3:8-22; Psalm 66: 1, 5-9, 17-20; John 14: 15- 21

Lector Ken Harrison

Crucifer Lupita Harrison

Flowers Evelyn Musavi

Cookies No Fellowship—Stevenson Graduation

Altar Care Leonora Branca and Martha Jordan

Ushers Bob and Leslie Mulford

Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title "You're Never Alone!"

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

Sunday, June 8, 2014 — Reception of New Members

Sunday, June 15, 2014 — Cabaret in the Forest with Barbara Lewis and Melinda Coffey Armstead at 4:00 pm.