

Music Box

— AUGUST 18, 2013 —

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

- The Anchor Holds Lawrence Chewning and Ray Boultz
- Deep River trad. Spiritual, arr. by H.T. Burleigh
- Wade In the Watertrad. Spiritual, arr. by Mark Hayes
- Here I Am, Lord Daniel Schutte, arr. by Craig Courtney
- Cleansing Fountain arr. by Gilbert Martin

Some people seem to think that just because they are asked to sing, they can choose just any music AND write the Music Box. Case in point:

The outgoing message on my voicemail is “Mom always liked me best,” in case either of my brothers should call. It isn’t true, of course, but she was my biggest fan, and she would have agreed absolutely with my choice of music. She would advise me to “keep it appropriate, reverent, and tasteful. And not too loud. But not so soft that those in the back can’t hear. Also, this time try to pronounce the words so people can understand. Now, it doesn’t bother me, but your red tie really doesn’t go that well with a wide open mouth, and that’s another thing we should talk about. Your eyelid is twitching, like you’re all tensed up again. Relax.”

She couldn’t help teaching her children; wisdom oozed out of her, like when you put too much batter in the waffle iron. Who else could have taught me to obey conflicting orders? (“Play nice. But win.”)

Anyway, “Wade in the Water” was one of her favorites (“A toe-tapper”). Once immersed, “The Anchor Holds” cries out. Not to mention “Deep River.” As to the tone of the introduction, I think it has to do with the fact that so many people mistake me for George Clooney. I have his forgiving nature, too.

—RLA
(Reluctantly, MCA)



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Monday morning, August 12, 2013

Dear Members and Friends,

As a minister, I do a lot of talking, but I know full well that words aren't always helpful. Sometimes words tend to confuse, they don't communicate, they just complicate. There are times words of any kind fail to carry the meaning, for example the meaning of the word "kiss." It is defined as: "the juxtaposition of two orbicularis oris muscles in the state of contraction." What?

Well, I don't know about you, but that definition of a kiss sort of killed any romance for me. A kiss loses a lot in that translation! That's one of the times when we would rather have something demonstrated than described.

In my scripture reading for today from John's gospel chapter eight, the crowd brought a woman to Jesus; we could say that she had been brought before God and everybody who had been caught in the act of adultery. They didn't bring the real offenders you'll notice! In fact, they were her accusers. The crowd said, "You talk about forgiveness, but this woman has broken the law and should be stoned to death, what do you say? Jesus didn't say anything for a while but just doodled with stick in the sand. I wish I could know what he wrote that day. The silence must have been deafening, but it prepared the way for what he did finally say. "He among you who is without sin cast the first stone," which thinned out the crowd pretty fast.

In Latin, the rational use of words is called "sanity," and to me, one of the most sane and rational uses of words sometimes is to recognize when it is best to not use any words at all.

"By your actions they will know that you are my disciples."
—*Jesus of Nazareth*

See you in church,



William B. Rolland

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Don't let the traffic keep you from church. Valet parking will be again using Wilson Field, so it will be quite straight forward for you. Please remember, no need to tip as the bill to the church includes the tip to the young men.

We need you! Sign-ups sought! Might there be some in the congregation who would care to assist in preparing the church for Sunday worship? Altar Care has openings for the months of September, October and December.

Calendar

Sunday, August 18, 2013 — Don't forget the valet parking!

8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker

Topic: The Letter to the Hebrews. Hebrews 11: 7-10. The Man Who Believed God's Message; The Adventure and the Patience of Faith

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages 2 Timothy 1:1-12; Psalm 37: 1-7; Matthew 4: 18-23

Lector Robert Perry

Crucifer Cynthia Perry

Flowers Linda Banner

Cookies Linda Banner, Stevenson School bakers

Altar Care Martha Jordan

Ushers Jack Davis and Linda Banner

Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title What do you drive? And what drives you?