

Music Box

— SEPTEMBER 8, 2013 —

Laura Anderson, soprano
David Dally, violin
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

Five Hebrew Love Songs (2009) Hila Plitmann (b 1973)/
Eric Whitacre (b 1970)

Temuná (A Picture)
Kalá kallá (Light bride)
Lárov (Mostly)
Éyze shéleg! (What snow!)
Rakút (Tenderness)

Erbarme dich, mein Gott
(from St. Matthew Passion)J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

English translation:
Have mercy, my God, for the sake of my tears.
Look here, heart and eyes weep bitterly before you.
Have mercy, my God.

Nun lasst uns Gott dem Herren Dank sagen J. Pachelbel
(Now let us thank the Lord our God) (1653-1706)

Five Hebrew Lovesongs

A picture is engraved in my heart; moving between light and darkness:
A sort of silence envelops your body, and your hair falls upon your face just so.

Light bride, she is all mine, and lightly she will kiss me!

“Mostly,” said the roof to the sky, “the distance between you and me is endlessness;
but a while ago two came up here, and only one centimeter was left between us.”

What snow! Like little dreams falling from the sky.

He was full of tenderness; she was very hard. And as much as she tried to stay thus,
Simply, and with no good reason, he took her into himself,
and set her down in the softest, softest place.

—Hila Plitmann



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Monday morning, September 2, 2013

Dear Members and Friends,

At our last staff meeting, the idea of presenting to the congregation an Advent Booklet for our daily devotions was suggested. Ken Feske agreed to lead the charge and be in touch with members and friends who would contribute their thoughts related to the Season of Advent.

Hope you are inspired to participate!

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

Christians have observed Advent for a thousand years as a time of thoughtful preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth. It is a time of preparation, anticipation and celebration. To make our observance this year special we want YOU to help capture the joy, wonder and magic of this season by writing a brief Advent reflection/musing/poem/prayer. Begin with a verse of Scripture, a phrase from Handel's Messiah, lines from a Christmas Carol, or lines from a favorite Christmas card. Write 100-150 words of prose, poetry or a prayer that will help each of us reflect on the meaning of the season and help us appreciate God's presence even in this busy (but joy filled) season. End the thought with a 20-25 word prayer or reflection question. Please submit your work by September 30 (why not do it today?).

Here is my offering for December 1, 2013, **The First Day of Advent**

"Hark the Herald Tribune sings:
Go out and buy a lot more things."

Tom Lehr's parody on the familiar Christmas carol captures our cynical feelings about Christmas. We have a choice: to waste time bewailing the commercial aspects of the season or to celebrate the Christmas event in all the fullness of its meaning and joy.

On behalf of all those who shared in this gift, I invite you to come celebrate the Christmas event! Your sisters and brothers have prayerfully prepared this Advent Booklet for YOU. Take ten minutes daily and consider their God-directed thoughts.

Christmas is a celebration of the mystery of the incarnation, it is impossible to improve on the original. It is a time for letting the story speak for itself.


"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us..." —*John 1:14*

"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled..." —*Luke 2:1*

If Jesus were celebrating Christmas this year as a child in your home, what would it be like for you?

"Thank you for this day of beginning and remembering. Help us to rejoice in this season of remembering knowing You are with us. Amen."

See you in church,



William B. Rolland

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please mark you calendars to save the date for the Church Anniversary Party the afternoon of September 29. More information to follow.

Calendar

Sunday, September 8, 2013

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

Topic: The Letter to the Hebrews 11: 13-16 Strangers and Nomads

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages 1 John 3: 11-24; Psalm 31:1-8; John 8:1-11

Lector Phil Bowhay

Crucifer Judy Fletcher

Flowers Holly and Dennis Tunstall

Cookies Carol Williams

Altar Care Martha Jordan and Susie Pearson

Ushers Sandy and Bob Rice

Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title The Voice from Within

Sunday, September 29, 2013 —Fall Anniversary Party