

Music Box

— OCTOBER 14, 2012 —

Katherine Edison, soprano Robert Armstead, bass-baritone
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

As Pants the Wearied Hart Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)
Er kennt die rechten Freudenstunden.....J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Come, Blessed Saviour Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)
I Waited for the Lord..... Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Come, Thou FountNettleton/John Wyeth, arr. Craig Courtney

Crown Imperial William Walton (1902-1983)

I've been reading about the wonderful fall colors in the eastern United States and trying not to be envious. To feel better, I think about hurricane-force wind, rain, and floods as well as withering summer heat and humidity and stinging insects. Then I think about paralyzing winter storms and what it must be like inside a disabled car at the side of the road in a blizzard. To further assuage the sting, I sit outside and watch the surf and feel the soft warm Carmel air. And it DOES seem to help, ever so slightly, to diminish the curse of living with an impoverished variety of seasons. Sorry, sorry, not what I meant to say.

How about this: Imagine that you get tired of the seashore and want to go to the mountains. And by mountains I don't mean stupid worn down hills, I mean ten to fifteen thousand foot craggy, snow-capped

Disregard. I can't seem to keep my thoughts on track. Somehow I'll learn to live here, but I'm sure I'll think of the major reason I prefer the east. I'm just sure of it. Meantime, if you wouldn't mind, move your lounge a little to the right. You're blocking my sun.

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, October 8, 2012

Dear Members and Friends,

First of all, many thanks to Charles Anker and Lamont Wiltsee for leading the worship service this past Sunday while Annah and I were in Sacramento for son Billy's wedding. It took place Saturday evening at the Masonic Temple on J Street in downtown Sacramento.

Well, my wee boy Billy is now a married man. He's hardly wee! At 27 years old and six-feet tall, he towers over me and is a man in his own right... and a good one at that. This past weekend he exchanged vows with Melissa Bacon, his girlfriend of more than five years (met at UC Davis) and tomorrow will be off on a honeymoon to Thailand for a couple of weeks. I find it interesting that back in Scotland, the most popular workman's breakfast is a roll-and-bacon, (Roll and Bacon!). So, I suppose what you can read into that is that they belong together or that they will never go hungry or something like that.

David Sofaer, a lawyer and brother-in-law of Melissa, performed the ceremony and, looking back on my emotions of the day, I am not sure that I would have been able to officiate and keep my composure. David did a good job and tied the knot well. One thing that stood out for me and said so much about who Billy is as a good and thoughtful man was when the officiant read some important thoughts from both the bride and groom. When he read Billy's, he read about Billy's love of family and friends and for those who were not able to be there but who, with love, were looking down from above upon the couple; his deceased grandfather, Stewart Abel, his surrogate grandma, Lorraine Ewald of Minneapolis, and then our own member of CitF, Tootie Denahy. Tootie felt very close to Billy and he to her, and she was planning to be at his wedding but passed away a couple of weeks before. It was a very moving moment for Billy, Annah and me.

What that says to me is that it is so important that we in the Church in the Forest remind ourselves of how interdependent we are on both the

Spirit of God and each other. With that in mind, I want to thank you for your wonderful support of all of the staff of the church and its members and pray God's blessing upon you.

Next week we will have the Blessing of the Animals following the morning service, and the following week, October 21, we will be receiving new members into the life of the church. I also have a couple of requests of you: Please bring a friend to church when you can and introduce him/her to this very special and accepting congregation. Secondly, let me know of a significant spiritual experience where you felt the presence of God or God's grace in your life to possibly be included in some upcoming Newsletters. This will be an anonymous entry to inspire and energize your fellow members. I look forward to your contributions and thank you in advance!

See you in church,



William B. Rolland

Calendar

Sunday, October 14, 2012 — Blessing of the Animals after the service

8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker.
Topic: 1 Peter 5: 12-14. Closing verses of 1 Peter continued

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages Amos 5: 5-17; Psalm 19: 1-10; Mark 10:17-31

Lector ?

Crucifer Judy Fletcher

Flowers Gaby Hahn

Cookies Nancy Borino

Altar Care Shirley Temple and Andrea Thatcher

Ushers Ken and Jean White

Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title Recipe for the Good Life

Sunday, October 21, 2012 — Receive New Members

Saturday, November 3, 2012, 2 pm, Memorial Service for Tootie Denahy