

Music Box

— OCTOBER 20, 2013 —

William Faulkner, Jalisco Harp
Melinda Coffey Armstead, Keyboards

- El son del Melón William Faulkner
- El Zapatero traditional Early California
- La Casita Manuel José Othón / Luis Felipe LLera
- Olga’s Wedding Waltz William Faulkner
- Atequiza William Faulkner

- María Elena Lorenzo Barcelata

- Las Abajeñas traditional son Jalisciense

William writes: The town of Zapotiltic, Jalisco, hometown of my teacher and town famous for mariachi and solo harpists, is making me an adopted son!



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Monday morning, October 14, 2013

Dear Members and Friends,

The “Thank You Man”

Sunday we read the story of the ten lepers Jesus healed (Luke 17:11-19). These men stood at a distance, as was required of those with leprosy, and they called to him, “Jesus, Master have mercy on us.” These who were feared and excluded from the normal way of living plead to one they hope will respond. Jesus tells them to go to church (to show themselves to the priests). On their way they are made clean. One returns to praising God and prostrates himself at the feet of Jesus. Jesus asks where the other nine are, but he cannot explain. Then Jesus says to the Thank-You Man, “Get up and go your way. Your faith has made you well.”

In the midst of living, there is the persistent voice of the Holy One, who calls even now: “Return to me.” It’s time to remember who we are and to whom we belong. We don’t have the option of the Church in the Tree, a Church just for Me. (We are part of the Church in the Forest—a Church for the Human Chorus—not the best literary writing but hope you find some goodness in the attempt.) His name is not God-with-me, but Emmanuel, God-with-us.

My prayer is we will have eyes to see and ears to hear the Thank-You Man and with him stand, even at a distance, and cry to the Lord, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” And also join him on our knees and express our praise and thanksgiving.

This does not have to have to be extravagant... only sincere. As Ann Weems expressed in a poem entitled “To You”

*This morning I was toasted by a two-year-old
Who raised her orange juice glass to mine and said, “To you!”
She brought the morning, she moved a mountain;
She brought flowers out of barren land and sunlight from darkness
What a way to start the day—affirmed and celebrated.*

*Remember to celebrate those across the breakfast table...
Here’s to smiles, sleepy kisses, unbrushed teeth, unmade beds,
Here’s to dirty shoes with one blue sock and one brown...
Here’s to my cold cup of coffee...*

*O Lord, free us to thank You for each other!
Free us to click orange juice glasses clear across your Kingdom
In every family and in the larger family of the gathered church.....
Here’s to those who...listen, comfort...feed the hungry...give a cup of
cold water;
And stand by to pick us up and brush us off!
Here’s to those who have been freed to free us,
To their song that never ends,
To the saints who keep on dancing!
Here’s to you!*

May each of us be a Thank-You Man or Woman raising our orange juice glasses.

See you in church,


Ken Feske

Calendar

Sunday, October 20, 2013

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

Topic: The Letter to the Hebrews
“The Race to the Goal” page 202 Barclay

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages Judges selected verses 4: 1-9; Psalm 77: 11-20; Matthew 25: 14-30

Lector Lloyd Nattkemper

Crucifer Cynthia Perry

Flowers Julie and Dave Nee

Cookies Michele Axley and ???

Altar Care Kathryn Lawrence and Holly Tunstall

Ushers Jack Davis and Howard Colehower

Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title Making Your Life Count For Something