

Music Box

— NOVEMBER 11, 2012 —

Lia Donovan, vocalist and trumpet
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano and organ

- Sentimental Journey.....Bud Green, Les Brown, and Ben Homer
- Someone To Watch Over MeGeorge and Ira Gershwin
- I Love You For Sentimental Reasons..... William “Pat” Best,
lyrics by Nat King Cole
- In My Life.....John Lennon and Paul McCartney
- Moonglow Will Hudson, Eddie De Lange, and Irving Mills
- In the Mood..... Joe Garland

- What a Wonderful WorldBob Thiele and George David Weiss

- The Washington Post John Phillip Sousa

Recessional

God of our fathers, known of old-
Lord of our far-flung battle line-
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine-
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget - lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies-
The Captains and the Kings depart-
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget - lest we forget!

—Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936)

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, November 5, 2012

Dear Members and Friends,

Knowing a bit of the background of the hymns we sing provides insight into the hymn's meaning. Take the well-known hymn, "He Lives." It's a pretty rousing affirmation of Christ's resurrection and, as such, is often sung in the Easter season. A sort of humorous talk gives some insight into its creation.

Alfred Ackley, the composer, was an accomplished musician. Born in Pennsylvania, with a dad who had earned his musical chops and personally tutored the young lad, he was sent to study music in New York City. After that it was off to the Royal Academy of Music in London. Somehow, thereafter he went to seminary where he matriculated as a Presbyterian minister. Well, guess where he ended up after a stint in PA... that's right, California!

There he had a Jewish friend whom he was hot to convert but who dismissed Jesus as a "dead Jew." Well, he was thinking about that response as he prepared his Easter sermon. Turning on the radio as he was preparing he heard a famous East Coast preacher say that as far as he was concerned, the body of Jesus could be as dust in some Palestinian tomb, but the main thing is, "His truth goes marching on."

That infuriated Alfred who thought about throwing the radio across the room! "It's a lie," he shouted. His wife dashed into the room to find out why he was hollering so early in the morning. "Didn't you hear what that good-for-nothing preacher said?" he cried.

Well, he had a great Easter morning sermon, but was still belly-aching over the other preacher's early morning remarks. His

wife, skilled in preacher psychology, finally got sick of it and said, "Alfred Ackley! It's time you did what you can do best. Why don't you write a song about it and then you'll probably feel better!"

Well, after re-reading the resurrection account in Mark's Gospel, thrilling to the story he wrote the words to "He Lives." Quickly he put it to music on the piano giving us a beloved Easter-type hymn. We owe a lot to Mrs. Ackley!

"I serve a risen Savior. He's in the world today / I know that he is living, whatever men may say. / I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, / And just the time I need Him, He's always near. (Chorus) He lives, He lives. Christ, Jesus lives today! He walks with me and He talks with me along life's narrow way. He Lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart."

See you in church,



Charles C. Anker

Calendar

Sunday, November 11, 2012 — Veteran's Day
8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker.
Topic: 2 Peter 1: 8-15 "On The Way; The Pastor's Care"
9:15 AM Music Prelude
9:30 AM Morning Prayer
Passages 2 Timothy 3: 10-17; Psalm 119: 137-145; Luke 18:1-8
Lector Ken Harrison
Crucifer Lupita Harrison
Flowers Ken and Lupita Harrison
Cookies Theo Fowler and Cookie Captain
Altar Care Martha Jordan
Ushers Robert and Cynthia Perry
Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland
Title Put It In Writing
Sunday, November 11, 2012, after church, Memorial Plaque dedication also 11/12 at 2:00 pm, ARIA Concert, CitF. \$20/or \$15 military
Sunday, November 18, 2012, Thanksgiving/Stewardship Sunday