

**Music Box**

— NOVEMBER 24, 2013 —

**Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ**

*Music of Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

Fugue in C BWV 952

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr BWV 71

Prelude XV from Well-Tempered Clavier I

“Now Thank We All Our God” from Cantata 79, arr. Virgil Fox

This Is My Father’s World ..... David Hegarty  
based on the tune “Terra Beata” by F. L. Sheppard

Over the River and Through the Woods ..... Lydia Maria Child  
(1802-1880)

Fugue in C ..... Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land,  
a land of flowing streams, a land of wheat and barley,  
of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey,  
a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing,  
You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God  
for the good land he has given you.

—Deuteronomy 8:7-11

**Notwithstanding**

Consider how this Earth stands so alone,  
Forgiving our extravagance and greed.  
Be thankful for the fact (as we have shown),  
It has so many of the things we need.

—RLA



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Monday morning, November 18, 2013

Dear Members and Friends,

Some time ago a man was staying in a chalet in the Swiss Alps. Early one morning he heard what sounded like an earthquake. Hurriedly he got out of bed and ran to the front desk and asked if there was something wrong, if the mountains were breaking up. He was scared. The man at the front desk explained, "Sir, we are on the west side of the mountain. As the sun comes up in the east, the snow and ice expand as they begin to warm. The expansion causes a large crashing noise. It's not the end of the world, it's just the beginning of a new day."

In yesterday's Gospel reading from Luke (21:17-25), Jesus took the opportunity to tell his listeners of a dark time to come. Jesus could see the worry in their faces and the concern in their hearts. In his next breath he tells them to be on their guard and make sure people do not deceive them. He tells them that there will be a lot of things until He returns. In fact, he tells them not to be afraid, for out of the ruins will rise something even greater. In other words, it is not the end of the world, just the beginning of a new day.

A father and his boy of eight, and girl of ten, all good swimmers, went for a swim on summer day off the New Jersey seashore. When some distance from shore, they became separated and the father realized that they were being carried out to sea by the tide. He called to the girl: "Mary, your brother and I are going to shore for help. If you get tired, turn on your back. You can float all day on your back. I'll come back for you."

Before long, many boats were on the ocean searching for the little girl. Four hours later, they found her far from shore. She

was calmly swimming on her back and was not frightened at all. She simply stated, "Daddy said he would come for me and that I could float all day, so I swam and floated because I knew he would come."

In our waiting, Christ is there, walking with us, easing our burdens, giving us the courage, the spirit to be His people in this world. Because of His presence with us through the means of grace, we can remain faithful and at ease with the sure confidence if Christ came today, this minute, we would be prepared, we would be ready.

See you in church,



Ken Feske

## Calendar

**Sunday, November 24, 2013 — Thanksgiving/Stewardship Sunday**

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

Topic: Letter to the Hebrews 13: 7 - 16

The Leaders and the Leader; The Wrong and The Right Sacrifice

**9:15 AM Music Prelude**

**9:30 AM Morning Prayer**

**Passages** 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15; Psalm 100; Luke 17: 11-19

**Lector** Bob Mulford

**Crucifer** Leslie Mulford

**Flowers** Bob and Leslie Mulford

**Cookies** Helen Breck and Mary Wiltse

**Altar Care** Shirley Temple and Alison Burleigh

**Ushers** Jack Davis and Howard Colehower

**Sermon** The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

**Title** The Saving Grace of Gratitude

**Sunday, December 1, 2013 — First Sunday of Advent**