



## ***We Are Stardust***

A UCV Inter-Generational Pageant

– December 18, 2016 –

# UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

## Celebration of Worship

## December 18, 2016

At the front of the church you will find unlit candles. You are welcome to light a candle in remembrance, in gratitude, in prayer, in celebration.



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*The prelude helps to create a spirit for shared celebration and worship.  
Please refrain from conversing and please turn off your cell phones.*

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**Prelude**

Twinkle, Twinkle Variations      Mozart  
E. Dainow, piano

**Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours**

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Kindling the Chalice Flame**

**Opening Hymn #1064**

*Blue Boat Home*

**Welcome and Announcements**

Doug Ennenberg

**Reading from the Book of  
Celebrations and Concerns**

Doug Ennenberg

**Offering:** *We deeply appreciate your presence  
here, your offerings and the gifts you share.*

*Patapan*      arr. Tom Roed  
E. Dainow, piano

**Meditation, Spoken then Silent**

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Musical Response**

Variations 8, 11 (Twinkle, Twinkle)      Mozart  
E. Dainow, piano

## *We Are Stardust*

A pageant of our Origins in the Universe

Conceived and written by Kiersten Moore, Douglas Ennenberg, and Leonie Armstrong

**Director**

Kiersten Moore

**Music**

Eric Wyness

**Scenery and Props**

Kiersten Moore & UCV Children

**Costumes**

UCV Children

**The Storyteller: Mother Universe**

**Parent**

**Children Camping**

**Universe Chorus: atoms, stars, etc.**

**Gravity**

**Air Elements**

**Earth Elements**

**Iron**

**Metal Elements**

Leonie Armstrong

Kiersten Moore

Noella Prescod, Cohen Prescod,

Willem Oleksijczuk, Liam Bomford-Moore

Benjamin Malcolm, Brendan Bomford-Moore

Elena Bomford-Moore, Emrys-Sophia Maglio, Juliet Imayoshi,

Kasper Breisnes, Kyla Killingsworth, Leo Malcolm,

Sol Haworth-Kambeitz, Terence Einarson, Thomas Taplin

Sam Taplin

Benjamin, Cohen, Willem

Kyla, Noella, Sol, Thomas

Brendan, Emrys, Juliet, Kasper

Elena, Leo, Liam

**We bring you this pageant as a ceremony in celebration of creation**

**Director's notes:** The concept for this pageant came out of our explorations of cosmology during the fall RE children's program. We humans have an insatiable desire to explain our presence in the Universe and to feel connected to something greater than ourselves. The current scientific understanding of the Universe is a story on par with the most fantastical creation myths. That out of the unknown came a burst of light, a hot soup of plasma and energy out of which hydrogen was created as it cooled. The mysterious force of gravity attracted hydrogen atoms together until the pressure and heat was so intense that new elements were created as stars burst into life. Every single heavier element, from the oxygen we breath, to the calcium in our bones, the carbon of our being, and the iron in our blood was created at the center of a giant star. Ancient stars exploded under the pressure of this creation and expelled these elements into space—fodder for new planets and new solar systems. We are just a speck, maybe an inevitable part of the progression of the Universe, certainly not alone in the vastness of space. We are in the Universe and the Universe is in us. Where we end and the Universe begins is only an illusion of our perspective. In the words of Carl Sagan: Life is a way for the Universe to know itself.

**Closing Hymn**

*Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* (words by children of UCV\*)

**Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame #530** adapted from *Out of the Stars*  
(see following pages for words\*\*)

**Valediction**

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.*

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**Next Sunday Service: December 25, 2016, 2 pm**

***Christmas Carol Sing/Potluck***

**Gavin Grandish/Patrick Dubois**

The seats in the rear of the church are **reserved**:  
(when facing the front) *left side for parents with babies or small children in childcare*, and right side for persons in wheelchairs

# *UCV Upcoming Seasonal Events*

*949 W. 49th Avenue (Oak and 49<sup>th</sup>)*



## **TONIGHT**

***Dec. 18***

*7:30 pm*

*Candlelight Service*



*A UCV tradition: worship, the spoken word, seasonal carols and music, featuring the Chalice Choir, honouring the festivals of December and the beginning of a new year. All are invited. Childcare provided. (Light dessert potluck after the service in the Hall. Please bring a dish & stick around.)*

***Dec. 24***

*7 pm*

*Christmas Eve Celebration*

*On this evening, we gather with candles, carols and story to commemorate our fellowship and the gifts of the season. Bring your family and friends; all are invited to this service for all ages.*

***Dec. 25***

*2 pm*

*Christmas Carol-Sing/Potluck*

*We'll gather in the Sanctuary, then move to the Hewett Hall for a bite to eat and holiday fun. Bring a dish and your carol singing voices. Join with UCV members and friends—Christmas cheer for all ages!*



Join with us! Bring your family, children and friends as we observe this special time in the year through music, pageants, meditation, food and the spoken word.

## **\*Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star**

(words by the UCV Children)

1. *Twinkle, twinkle little star  
Now I know what you are.  
You're a burning ball of gas,  
Trillions of miles away in the past.  
Twinkle, twinkle great big star  
Now I know what you are.*
2. *When the universe was new  
blue and giant, the first stars grew  
All the elements you formed,  
Hydrogen your heat transformed  
with the help of gravity.  
you made everything in me.*
3. *Our sun is a star you know,  
Its light helps the plants to grow  
Plants eat sunlight just like we  
eat our dinners, so you see  
Eating vegetables, we are  
Really, truly eating stars.*
4. *Stars are born and burn and die  
brightly blazing in the sky  
then from stardust they re-form  
new stars from the old are born  
Wondrous universe of ours  
Thank you, thank you for the stars*

## **\*\*Out of the Stars**

Out of the stars have we come up from time;

*Out of the stars have we come.*

Earth warmed by sun, lit by sunlight;

This is our home;

*Out of the stars have we come.*

Out of the stars, rising from rocks and sea,

Kindled by sunlight on earth, arose life.

*Out of the stars have we come.*

## **DECEMBER 18, 2016**

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:** This Sunday, the children are presenting our annual Christmas Pageant and are a part of today's service. Any child who has not rehearsed but wants to join us, please see Kiersten before the service. We can always use another star in the sky.

Our regular program will resume January 8.

**Childcare is available** for children up to age three between 10:45 and 12:30 in Servetus Room on the main floor of Hewett Centre opposite the library.

**Children and babies are welcome to remain** with their parents/guardians through the service if they prefer.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Our High School Youth Group (grades 8-12) meets from 1—3 pm each Sunday in Hirschmanova on the lower level of Hewett Centre. Our Youth Group is led collaboratively by the youth and trained advisors. They explore issues of faith development, social justice, life experiences, trials, tribulations and joys of navigating life—and they always include a good measure of fun and games. All youth members and visitors are welcome anytime.

**2017 MULTIFAITH CALENDARS** now available for purchase before and after the service in Hewett Hall! Beautiful, art filled calendars include notes about festivals each month from world religions of all kinds. They make wonderful gifts! \$15 each or 2 for \$25. All proceeds support the Children and Youth programming.

**DECEMBER'S LOVE SOUP IS TODAY!**

Please come and enjoy our delicious hot soups, fresh salad, yummy dessert and tasty Terra Breads! We will be waiting for you in our very friendly dining room in the Hewett Centre. This is a very enjoyable way to help many important programs in our beloved church. Your help in many different sizes will be greatly appreciated! —*Amy Megumi Anderson*

**THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** is meeting today in Biddle at 12:30 pm. Interested or curious to hear what is going on? Come by and check out what we are doing within the church, around town, and beyond!

**BOOKS IN THE UCV LIBRARY RELATED TO TODAY'S SERVICE**

- *Season and Solstice: a Unitarian Interpretation of the Midwinter Festival* by Rev. Phillip Hewett 394
- *Unplug the Christmas Machine: a Complete Guide to Putting Love and Joy Back into the Season* (rev. ed.) by Jo Robinson and Jean Coppock Staehle 394

**FORUM, FIRESIDE, 12:30 – 1:30 PM**

*Program Coordinating Chairs and Leaders Coffee with Santa.* It appears no one has been naughty, and every chair, leader and committee has been nice. Come talk to Santa and other believers and tell everyone else how we can make your program even better.

Randall MacKinnon. [unitariancv@yahoo.ca](mailto:unitariancv@yahoo.ca)

**ART IN THE CHURCH:** UCV's annual art show. Nov 20—Dec 17 in the Sanctuary and Nov 27—Dec 31 in the Fireside room. Mixed media.

—*Chris Pearce and Caede Pungente, Co-Chairs, Arts committee*

**MEDITATION:** Join us for the Sunday morning sitting meditation at 10—10:45 am. There is brief guidance at the beginning of each sit. In consideration of others, please try to come on time. Any inquiries can be sent to [victoriaoginski@gmail.com](mailto:victoriaoginski@gmail.com).

**HOW WE'RE CHANGING THE WORLD!**

The UCV Environment and Social Justice Committees and the Suzuki Elders organized an All Parties Meeting at UCV before the last federal election. It was informative, lively but polite, and well attended by church members

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE UCV BOOK CLUB WILL NOT BE MEETING IN DECEMBER BUT** will resume our regular third Sunday book discussion on January 15 at 12:30 pm in Lindsey-Priestley to discuss *The Dalai Lama's Cat* by David Michie, which is a delightful read. Through the voice of the this warmhearted, irreverent and wise cat we get to see and hear the life of the Dalai Lama and to share the challenges the cat faces as she applies the Buddhist teachings to her own experience.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** to usher for the Christmas Eve Service on December 24, 7 pm. If you can arrive by 6:30 pm to help greet people and assist in taking the collection, please contact Denise Nereida, [ditzah@telus.net](mailto:ditzah@telus.net), 604-731-7630.

**UCV COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE HAS A VACANT CHAIR!** This is a fine committee with hard working folk, producing the UCV website and UCV Events, among other things. As of January 1, it requires a coordinator to call infrequent meetings, submit an annual report, and to keep the bits together. Please email Connie, [cwigmore1@shaw.ca](mailto:cwigmore1@shaw.ca), for further information or to state your interest.

**OUR RE PROGRAM IS LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS FOR OUR CHILDCARE ROOM AND PRESCHOOL CLASS:** infant bouncy seat; infant play mat; dramatic play props; ethnically diverse dolls (clothed). Please see Kiersten Moore before or after the service.

**ARE: CHRONIC PAIN SUPPORT GROUP:** What do we say when we don't want to appear foolish or unkind? I understand that if one hasn't ever really been in pain, it might be hard to imagine what it is like. It is okay to ask about the pain. It is not that elephant we like to have living in our room—that is something else. Talking about our pain is good. Being a friend to someone in debilitating pain may seem boring or scary or hard on the patience but remember chronic pain so easily leads to isolation. Isolation leads to depression. Pain, isolation, and depression can be fatal. A simple visit from you can not only be a distraction from the pain, but also helps to break the pain, isolation, depression cycle.

If you know someone who would benefit from a support group for people and run by people living with chronic pain, tell she or he to visit the Fireside Room, Thursdays at 11 am. If mornings are a difficult time of day, I am available to talk 604-818-5994  
[skdalgleish@gmail.com](mailto:skdalgleish@gmail.com)

### ***UCV CARE AND CONCERN ANNOUNCEMENT***

*A new way to reach out in time of need:*

*“If you or others in the congregation are in need of support in times of transition, loss, illness, moving, etc.,*

*please contact: [careandconcern@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:careandconcern@vancouverunitarians.ca)”*

*sincerely, Rev. Steven Epperson*

## ***Warm Welcome!***

Please visit our Visitors' Table and get a nametag in the Sanctuary foyer. Drop by the Welcome Table in Hewett Centre after the service and stay for coffee or tea and friendly conversation. Learn about our church and our community. Look for people wearing yellow nametags, who are welcoming you today.

If you are a new family visiting with children or babies, we look forward to welcoming you in person. Free childcare is available for children 3 and under, and children 4 and over are invited to join in this week's program activities. Children are also welcome to stay for the church service if they prefer. If you feel that you need to slip out of the service with a crying baby, please feel free to rejoin the service at any time. The service can also be heard in the foyer and in Hewett Centre.

### **SUPPORT TEAM TODAY**

<b>COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS</b>	Eric Chen, Liz Monrad
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Diane Donaldson
<b>LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL</b>	Frances Anderson, Laura Gerken, David Buchanan
<b>LUNCH</b>	Love Soup
<b>ORDER OF SERVICE</b>	Hunter MacNiven
<b>SOUND</b>	Kaelyn Elfert
<b>GREETERS</b>	Jane Sutherland, Shirley McLeod, Carolyn Grant, Denise Nereida
<b>WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE</b>	Karin Hall, Philomene Jahnke

### **STAFF**

<b>PARISH MINISTER</b>	Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>COMMUNITY MINISTER</b>	Rev. Laura Imayoshi
<b>DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>	Kiersten Moore
<b>CHOIR DIRECTOR</b>	Donna Brown
<b>MUSIC ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER</b>	Elliott Dainow
<b>CASUAL CARETAKERS</b>	James Wilson, Ben Yeung, Mark Klassen, Paul Nash, Matt Yeung
<b>CONGREGATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR</b>	Hunter MacNiven
<b>OFFICE ASSISTANT</b>	Marcus Hynes
<b>BOOKKEEPER</b>	Collene Harris
<b>SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS</b>	Virginia Crabill, Robert Schultz
<b>UCV LAY CHAPLAINS</b>	Nan Gregory, Sherry King, Louise Bunn

### **The Unitarian Church of Vancouver**

*We are a community of diverse beliefs and shared values.*

*In fellowship with one another, we seek spiritual growth, social justice, and environmental sustainability through worship, ethical action, education, and artistic expression. We welcome all who would join this compassionate and visionary community*

The UCV campus is a Smoke-Free Environment