



## *Creating a Vision*

Rev. Steven Epperson  
with UCV members

– October 2, 2016 –

# UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

October 2, 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**

Hymn Medley arr. E. Dainow  
with Edgar Bridwell, violin; E. Dainow, piano

## **Invocation**

*Where Do We Come From?* B. Tate  
with the Chalice Choir

## **Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours**

Rev. Steven Epperson

## **Kindling the Chalice Flame**

## **Opening Hymn #360**

*Here We Have Gathered*

## **Story for All Ages**

read by Rev. Steven Epperson

Let's Sing the Children Out "*Go now...*"

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Patti Turner

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

Patti Turner

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

*Turn the World Around* Harry Belafonte\*  
arr. Jason Shelton  
performed by E. Dainow, piano

## **Meditation, Spoken then Silent**

Rev. Steven Epperson

## **Musical Response**

*Closer to the Flame* S. Boersma and D. Lantz  
with the Chalice Choir

# *Creating a Vision*

A hands on, interactive worship service.

“The destiny, the larger hope of our congregation rests in our hands”

**Closing Hymn # 298**

*Wake, Now, My Senses*

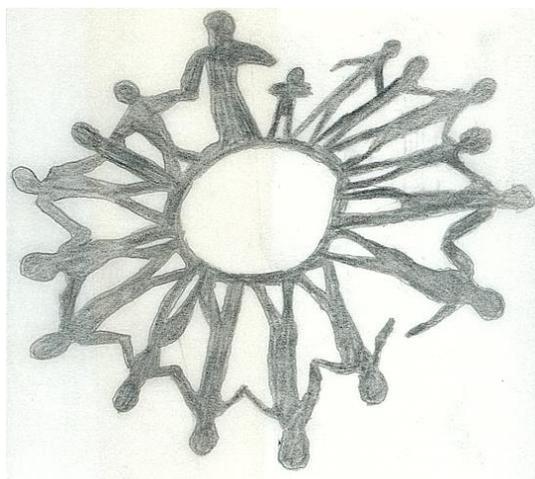
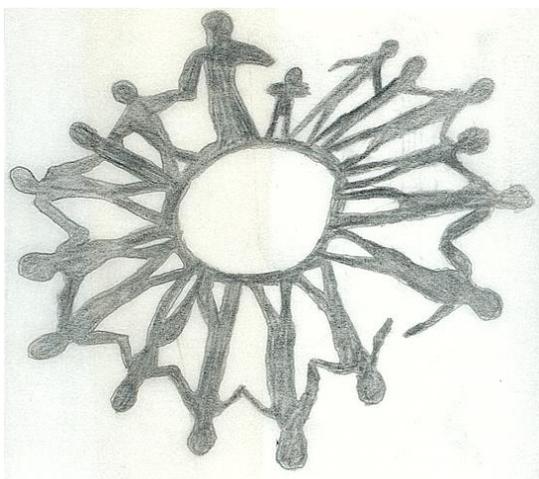
**Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame**

**Valediction**

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

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\* Harry Belafonte was not only a superb performer but dedicated himself to social activism as well, starting with the Civil Rights movement and continuing throughout his life. This song is the final one in our teal hymn supplement. —*Elliott*



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**Next Sunday Service: October 9, 2016, 11 am**

## *Giving Thanks*

**Rev. Steven Epperson  
and members of our congregation**

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*

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[ucvevents@gmail.com](mailto:ucvevents@gmail.com) Please include your name.

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## ***UCV 2016-17 Vision Process and Timeline:***

The Vision process aims to involve as many members of the congregation as possible—it needs to be a shared undertaking, empowering congregants both through engagement in the process and ownership in its outcome. The Taskforce creates and facilitates a process that will be inclusive, participatory and transformational.

### **Timeline:**

1. Summer 2016—UCV Board creates the Vision Taskforce; its members meet to agree on the purpose and scope of the Visions process, and to create and schedule Vision events.
  2. September-October 2016
    - a) Forum, September 18
    - b) Children's RE activity September 25
    - c) Vision worship service October 2
    - d) Vision oriented Messy Church, October 8
    - e) Other events/media, eg: online surveys, etc
  3. November 2016—Vision Taskforce drafts a Vision Statement with initial priorities arising from collected information; it shares the draft Statement with the congregation and invites further reflection/response
  4. January 2017—all responses in for final Taskforce review. Taskforce works up final draft of Vision and priorities list.
  5. February 2017—Vision statement sent out to congregation.
  6. March 2017— Celebration Gathering and vote by congregation to accept Vision Statement.
  7. April 2017—Taskforce meets with the UCV Board of Trustees reviews outcomes and decides on next steps and implementation
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## **OCTOBER 2, 2016**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HOW WE'RE CHANGING THE WORLD!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The UCV Enviro Committee held a fund raising event for the Klabona Keepers opposing the Red Chris Mine near the Sacred Headwaters of the Skeena, Nass, and Stikine Rivers.</p>
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**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:** Childcare is available free for the younger ones (aged three and under) in Servetus Room on the main floor of Hewett Centre.

**ART THIS MONTH:** Sept 1 – Oct 16, Kickstart group show.

**TODAY'S FORUM AT 12:30PM:** *Would You Like a Side of Virus with that Plate of Sushi?* Aquaculture was supposed to save our salmon. Where did it all go wrong? Join Tamiko Suzuki and Tamo Campos in an exploration on the problems with BC's coastal fish farms, some possible solutions and what we can do to help. Sponsored by the Environment Committee.

*Lift up thine eyes to the Sanctuary ceiling, for there ye shall see new skylights – and the rain shall not enter again. This is what your silent prayers, songs, and capital campaign donations have wrought.*

*And the gods are also mightily pleased and have bestowed an additional \$13,000 from their Heritage Legacy Fund of BC towards these capital expenses. We send them prayers of thankfulness and gratitude.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **REMINDER ABOUT UCV NOMINATING PROCESS & UCV BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

The Nominating Committee shall deliver to the membership a slate of recommended nominations (the “Nominating Committee Slate”) at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Nominating Committee Slate shall be delivered to the membership by mail, courier, e-mail, other electronic means or in person pursuant to procedures established by the Board.

1. *Members may make additional nominations for officers or members at large by preparing a petition for each nomination (a “Nomination Petition”).*
2. *A Nomination Petition shall:*
  - *be signed by not fewer than ten (10) voting members in good standing,*
  - *include the written consent of the nominee, and*
  - *be filed with the chair of the Nominating Committee at least twenty-two (22) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.*
3. The Nominating Committee shall deliver to the Secretary at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting a report of the Nominating Committee Slate and all nominations duly made by petition (the “Nominating Committee Report”).

The deadline for nomination petitions for congregants is **October 22**. Please send petitions to me. My e-mail is prominently posted on the bulletin board in the Hall.

Cheers, Patti Turner on behalf of the Nominating Committee

**SHORTER PRELUDE MUSIC ON SUNDAY MORNINGS—FROM REV. STEVEN EPPERSON AND ELLIOTT DAINOW:** Most churches - Unitarian or otherwise - have a prelude consisting of a single piece, or a couple of short pieces. Elliott polled music directors of UU churches across the country and got several replies that confirm this. We have had a long and very unusual tradition of a 15-minute prelude, but given what we have learned about standard practice, the heavy load this puts on Elliott and our musicians weekly, and a desire to reduce the music budget, we have decided to shorten the prelude. Elliott will still try to play more than just a 3-minute piece and will encourage others to do likewise, but the length of the music will vary.

**CANCELLED:** Due to low registration, Tues. Theology class with Rev. Epperson is cancelled.

**SACRED CIRCLE DANCE:** Tuesday, October 4, 7—9 pm (2nd Monday cancelled for stat holiday). Contact Leslie [lkemp@telus.net](mailto:lkemp@telus.net) for any questions.

### **GIVING THANKS, SHARING FOOD. THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE!**

The children will be collecting your healthy non-perishable food donations before and after the services beginning on Thanksgiving, October 9th through the following Sunday, October 16th. Food donations are at an all-time low right now, but the need is not. We are aware that there are many problems with our food distribution system in Canada, and food banks are only a band-aid for a larger problem of access to good nutrition. We as a nation can do better. As a congregation please let us do what we can to support people in need now and work towards a more generous and humane solution to hunger.



### **LATE GREAT ADDITION TO ADULT RE (AND IT'S FREE!)**

#### *Awareness Through Movement (Feldenkrais)*

In an “Awareness Through Movement” class we will learn

- to move with more ease and strength through a greater range
- an awareness of the habits of movement that are limiting you
- to improve and enliven your practice of yoga, sports or music
- to prevent most injuries, both chronic and sudden
- to find the ideal skeletal alignment and support that provides a sense of lightness.

Instructor: Janet Willson

Fireside room, Mondays (starting Oct 17<sup>th</sup> for 6 sessions) 2:30 – 3:30 pm, limited to 10 people. Come dressed in loose, soft clothing. To sign up/more info: [rev@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:rev@vancouverunitarians.ca) (Feldenkrais was singled out by Dr. Norman Doidge in his book *The Brains Way of Healing* as facilitating “neurodifferentiation, one of the key stages of neuroplastic healing.”)

### **COFFEEHOUSE WITH VISION! Messy Church MAKE Dinner October 14th, 6—9 pm**

We are bringing back the Coffeehouse with Jane Slemon, MC. Bring your songs, talent, poetry, storytelling, what have you! But most importantly bring yourself, family, and friends. Last spring we enjoyed performances from people ages 4 to 77. There truly is a spot for everyone on our stage. Along with entertaining each other there will be informal opportunity to record your thoughts and feelings for the new Vision and action plan for UCV.

**THE OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY FUND (OOF)** is looking for two new members. We have four short meetings a year to discuss which community groups we allocate funds to from the Sunday offerings. If you are a UCV member and interested, please respond to [mlage@shaw.ca](mailto:mlage@shaw.ca) or [oof@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:oof@vancouverunitarians.ca)

**THE UCV THIRD SUNDAY BOOK GROUP** will meet on Sunday October 16 at 12:30 in Lindsey-Priestley to discuss Moshid Hamid's novel *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*, a clever and provocative fable about love and betrayal in the the post 9/11 world. All welcome.

**THANKSGIVING POTLUCK DINNER:** Monday, October 10. Mary Bennett and Virginia Crabill would like to organize a potluck Thanksgiving dinner at Mary's co-op (5th & Trafalgar). If you're interested contact [maryinvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:maryinvancouver@gmail.com) or [inari47@gmail.com](mailto:inari47@gmail.com) to contribute and to get more details.

We'll include a "mathom" exchange - i.e. free swap meet - to celebrate our abundance. Leftovers will be donated to Refugee Committee.

**PROGRAM COORDINATING COUNCIL:** There is still a vacancy for Program Coordinating Council Chair. I thoroughly enjoyed my three years as chair and was able to work and play with many members - including committee members and church leaders. I look forward to chatting with anyone who may be interested in learning more. [RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca](mailto:RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca)

**BOOK BASH!** The library committee is having its next Book Bash on October 30 and we welcome all donations of gently used books. Please bring any donations to the library, any Sunday between noon and 1 pm.

**ATTENTION ALL UCV GROUPS LOOKING TO RAISE FUNDS:** Most first Sundays are still open for hosting UCV lunch fundraisers after the Sunday service. First Sundays also offer 'theme of the month' seasonal lunch ideas, such as Fall Harvest or Diwali. To book your lunch fundraiser, please contact Ben Hechter [bhechter@yahoo.com](mailto:bhechter@yahoo.com).

**FEEDBACK:** We always welcome feedback on our worship services: [worship@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:worship@vancouverunitarians.ca). Sincerely, UCV Worship Services Committee

**2016 WATER CEREMONY FOLLOW-UP:** Please send your 2016 Summer water stories (with photos!) to [water@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:water@vancouverunitarians.ca). When I receive enough of them, we'll figure out how to make them available on UCV Notes and the website for all of us to enjoy!  
Cheers, Rev. Steven Epperson

***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*

## ***A 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>	Catherine Stewart, Susan Krug, Adele Cleverdon
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Chris Pearce
<b>LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL</b>	Jean Stanton, Randall MacKinnon
<b>LUNCH</b>	No Lunch
<b>ORDER OF SERVICE</b>	Hunter MacNiven
<b>SOUND</b>	Rob Taylor
<b>GREETERS</b>	Ursula Litzcke, Denise Nereida, Melody Mason, Gerda Schulz
<b>WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE</b>	Brock MacLachlan, Alison Pearson

### **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, Marcus Hynes, Paul Nash, Matt Yeung
<b>CONGREGATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR</b>	Hunter MacNiven
<b>BOOKKEEPER</b>	Collene Harris
<b>SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS</b>	Virginia Crabill, Robert Schultz
<b>UCV LAY CHAPLAINS</b>	Nan Gregory, Nicola Hamilton, Sherry King, Louise Bunn

*The red pulpit hanging is a gift from our partner church in Brassó, Romania.*

### **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