



UCV sign at 49th & Oak after a car crashed into it this week.

Why We're Here (and not someplace else): Part III

Rev. Steven Epperson

– September 25, 2016 –

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

September 25, 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.



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



- Prelude** 4 Short Pieces; Romanian dances Bela Bartok*
E. Dainow, piano
- Invocation** *Spirit of Life* C. McDade
with the Chalice Choir
- Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours** Rev. Steven Epperson
- Kindling the Chalice Flame**
- Opening Hymn #355** *We Lift Our Hearts in Thanks*
- Story for All Ages** read by Rev. Steven Epperson
- Let's Sing the Children Out "*Go now...*"
- Welcome and Announcements** Cindy Cashin
- Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns** Cindy Cashin
- Offering:** *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.* *Circle of Song* T. Turner
arr. J. Perry; solo: Erin Moulding
with the Chalice Choir
(see words on next page and please sing along during the chorus**)
- Meditation, Spoken then Silent** Rev. Steven Epperson
- Musical Response** *Song of the Mountain Horn - Variations*
Bartok/arr. E. Dainow
E. Dainow, piano

Closing Hymn #1051

We Are...

Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

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

* Bartok was a life-long Unitarian and was born near the birthplace of Unitarianism. –*Elliott*

**Tony Turner's *Circle of Song* has become the unofficial anthem of the CUC Conference. Please join us during the choruses.

*Come, join with me in the circle of song,
The young and old, the weak and the strong,
Singing with one voice though we may speak different tongues,
In the circle of song, we are one.*

*Viens avec moi dans ce cercle d'amis,
Où jeunes et moins jeunes, où grands et petits,
Chantent d'une seule voix à travers leurs différences,
Dans ce cercle d'amis, tous unis.*

Next Sunday Service: October 2, 2016, 11 am

Creating a Vision

**Rev. Steven Epperson
and the 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 Please include your name.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

HOW WE'RE CHANGING THE WORLD!

The UCV Enviro Committee supported the Oak Street Farmers' Market with Green Fund loans for years.

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.

FORUM: *The Welfare Food Challenge: Help Challenge BC's Poverty Policy.* Poverty is a political choice. The government chooses to feed the rich by starving the poor. Welfare in BC has been frozen for over 9 years at \$610/month. Raise the Rates works to win the public to a change of policy. One of its key activities is the annual Welfare Food Challenge. Bill Hopwood, organizer for Raise the Rates, will explain the Challenge and invite Unitarians to join the 5th Annual Challenge starting on October 16. Sponsored by the Social Justice 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.

LAST SUNDAYS LOVE SOUP WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL! Thank you very much for your continued support into the third season! We will serve our next *Love Soup* on October 16, the third Sunday. Your help in any size will be greatly appreciated!

–Amy Megumi Anderson, nosredna6@shaw.ca

FEEDBACK: We always welcome feedback on our worship services: worship@vancouverunitarians.ca. Sincerely, UCV Worship Services Committee

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”).

So the deadline for Nominating Committee slate is October 9. We are still seeking one more person.

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



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 17th 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

(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.”)

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.

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

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 or 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.

UCV EVENTS PUBLICATION IS AVAILABLE THIS SUNDAY AT THE WELCOME TABLE:

If you want to receive by email send a note to ucvevents@gmail.com. Over 400 people receive the weekly order of service and monthly UCV events this way including several congregations across Canada.

To submit information about a UCV event, send to ucvevents@gmail.com (Mary and Margo) by the 18th of the month prior.

LAST FRIDAY CAFÉ September 30 in Fireside Room.

5 – 7 pm, *Fast Food For Thought*. We gather to network, share, listen and dialogue. Bring ideas, challenges, recent readings and/or BYOD. If you wish, bring food or order from across the street.

7 – 9 pm, Monthly Program Feature: *Book Lovers' Show and Tell*. Bring one or more books that you treasure. Tell us why you would recommend them.

An email list including all items will be sent to all participants. RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca

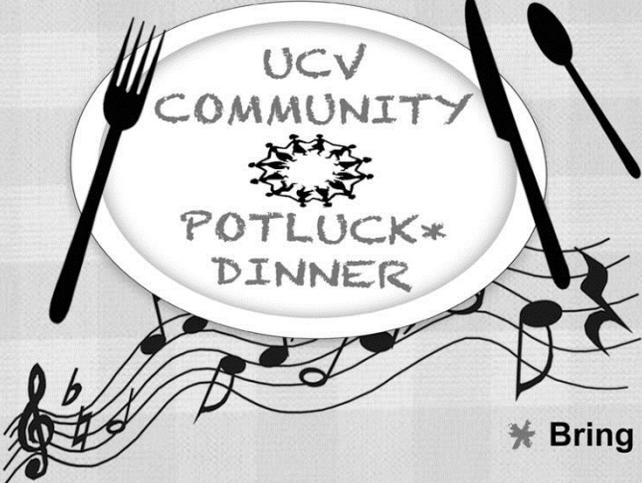
2016 WATER CEREMONY FOLLOW-UP: Please send your 2016 Summer water stories (with photos!) to water@vancouverunitarians.ca. When I receive enough of them, we'll figure out how to make them available on UCV Notes and the website for all of us to enjoy!

Cheers, Rev. Steven Epperson

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

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.



JOIN THE FUN
at the 3rd annual

Saturday, October 1, 2016 (from 5:30 pm)

- *tasty food*
- *heavenly music*
- *congenial company*
- *excellent entertainment*

\$10 tickets on sale after service
September 18 & 25 in Hewett Hall (only 100)

Childcare available

*** Bring a salad or entré (appetizers & dessert provided)**

COFFEEHOUSE WITH VISION! Messy Church MAKE Dinner October 14th, 6-9pm
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.

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”

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

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS	Avril Schafer, Liz Monrad, Eric Chen
FLOWERS	Diane Donaldson
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL	Frances Anderson, Laura Gerken, David Buchanan
LUNCH	No Lunch
ORDER OF SERVICE	Hunter MacNiven
SOUND	Kaelyn Elfert
GREETERS	Jane Sutherland, Shirley McLeod, Carolyn Grant, Denise Nereida
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Karen Bartlett, Dianne Crosbie

STAFF

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