



Tensions between Amateur and Professional Knowledge

Rev. Steven Epperson - February 28, 2016 -

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

February 28, 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 beginning at 10:45 am helps to create a spirit for shared celebration and worship. Please refrain from conversing and please turn off your cell phones.



Prelude

Variations on a Russian Theme Steve Paulssen*
Variations on a Russian Theme Beethoven
Waltz Chopin
Waltz Steve Paulssen
played by E. Dainow

Invocation

We Gather Here Together 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

Diane Brown

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns

Diane Brown

Offering

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

Waltz in C sharp minor (Les Sylphides) Chopin
played by E. Dainow

Meditation, spoken then silent

Rev. Steven Epperson

Musical Response

Song for Peace A. MacGillivray, arr. D. Loomer
with the Chalice Choir

Sermon

*It's Elementary My Dear Watson?:
the Tensions between Amateur and Professional Knowledge*
Rev. Steven Epperson

Closing Hymn #297

The Star of Truth

Closing Words

Rev. Steven Epperson

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.*

* Steve Paulssen is an acquaintance of mine with a love of music, though without any formal training. He works as an academic, composing in his spare time - similar to Alexander Borodin who worked as a chemist and composed on the weekends!—*Elliott*

March 6, 2016, 11 am

When It's Dangerous to be a Unitarian
Rev. Phillip Hewett, Partner Church Service

Ingathering Singing at 10:45am

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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UCV Funds: Some Good News!

The UCV Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that a number of our congregation's Funds, created by generous donations from UCV members and community foundations, are being put to excellent use. At the February 23rd meeting, the UCV Board approved the donation of monies from UCV Funds for the following fabulous projects:

Religious Freedom, Canadian Style: Sharing Knowledge and Respect Among Many Faiths

\$8,000 from the Robert & Anna Koerner Foundation Community Fund.

In partnership with the Multifaith Action Society, UCV's Children and Youth Religious Education program will help produce a curriculum, workshops, and evaluation tools for a Phase I initiative to promote understanding and dialogue between members of world religious communities in the Lower Mainland.

Social Housing for Vancouver's Homeless Residents

\$3,000 from the Ted Anderson DTES Fund and \$2,000 from the Faithful Fools Vancouver Fund.

Grandview Calvary Baptist Church is building 26 units of social housing on their property at 1st and Victoria. We're so impressed by the vision, business plan and commitment of Grandview Calvary Baptist Church that we're delighted to make this donation. For more information see www.news1130.com/2015/12/11/east-van-church-nearing-its-financial-goal-to-build-social-housing/

Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation Reflection Guides

\$2,000 from the Faithful Fools Vancouver Fund.

These guides are currently under development by the Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation Reflection task force of the Canadian Unitarian Council. The reflection guides will further our interfaith work as Unitarians in Canada. They will help train us as allies and further enable us to concretely act on the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, specifically in regards to Education.

The Unitarian Church of Vancouver is able to make these kinds of significant donations to worthy projects because of the generosity of our members. We encourage you to make contributions to the various Funds of our church; you can do this anytime! If you have any questions about UCV Funds and making donations to these funds, please contact UCV Board President, Diane Brown or Rev. Steven Epperson.

FEBRUARY 28, 2016

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. Children aged 4 through 12, enjoy our core program.

ART AT UCV: Feb 1 - 28, Karen Brumelle, *Gratitude, Paintings and Collages of the Natural World*. Silent Auction in the Fireside Room continues until February 28 at noon. All money earned in this room for UCV Refugee Committee.

UCV LIBRARY BOOKS RELATED TO THE SERMON: A few related books are *The Marriage of Sense and Soul: Integrating Science and Religion*, by Ken Wilber, 1998; *Skeptics and True Believers: The Exhilarating Connection Between Science and Religion*, by Chet Raymo, 1998; and *Reason and Reverence: Religious Humanism for the 21st Century*, by William R. Murry, 2007.

FORUM: The Social Justice Committee welcomes Harjap Grewal, Regional Organizer for Council of Canadians, to speak about the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and whether it serves the public interest. Please join us.

A reminder to all church groups and cttes:

Please remember to put the tables and chairs away, turn off the lights and lock the doors if you are the last group on site.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WRAPPING UP CAPPING IT OFF! This Sunday our President, Diane Brown, will be giving the “signing off” message to the 2015/16 capital campaign, acknowledging the generous support members and adherents have provided and an invitation, if you have been missed or won the lottery, to be among the distinguished “deadline donors” of February 29th (imagine you can't have this opportunity for another 5 years!). The table with campaign volunteers will be in the Hall after the service. A final report on the campaign will be made to the board and to members and adherents in March. – Michael Clague

MARCH 6 FORUM: *Tar Sands Pipelines / LNG Update*. 12:30—1:30 pm, Fireside Room, All Welcome. Sven will share his perspective on where we stand on tar sands pipelines and liquified natural gas projects in BC in light of recent major changes as a result of the federal election, the Paris Climate Agreement and the Alberta Climate Leadership Plan. Sven Biggs is a Campaign Organizer with ForestEthics Advocacy and has worked in environmental movement for over a decade for the last five years his focus has been stopping tar sands pipelines.

2016 CUC CONFERENCE, 21-22 MAY, UBC. REGISTER NOW AND SAVE: \$275 Sat-Sun early bird; \$175 Sat only. The workshop lineup looks really interesting with Saturday sessions on climate justice; truth, healing & reconciliation; ministry in prisons; congregational dialogues; stories of personal ministry; and UU & UN activities -- and half-day Sunday multi-generational workshops following morning Worship Service in the Chan Centre with singers from member choirs. You can also attend the Annual General Meeting Friday for free, or just the AGM Plenary session Thursday evening. CanUddle will be meeting all weekend at UCV! <http://cuc.ca/registration-now-open-vancouver-2016-national-conference>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CUC HOST COMMITTEE – FOR MAY 20 -22 CONFERENCE: We appreciate those who have stepped forward to volunteer for various Host Committee roles. Volunteers are still needed for these on-site roles: welcoming and hospitality, tour organizing, registration, CanUddle, meal ticket checkers, etc. Please contact Lynn Armstrong at lynnbea@gmail.com or 778-835-2546 for details.

BILLETING, A WAY OF BUILDING COMMUNITY: Please consider offering a bed to one or two visitors attending the national CUC conference at UBC, May 20-23. If you are interested, contact Connie Wigmore (cwigmore1@shaw.ca, 604-879-6243)

ARE: 7 WORLD FAITH TRADITIONS COURSE with Stanley Tromp will begin this Tuesday, March 1, in Hirschmanova. First class will be on Judaism.

ENHANCE YOUR PROFESSIONAL RESUME: Become an active member of the UCV Human Resources Committee. Contact Paul Prescod, paul@prescod.net, or Mary Murray, marlmur@shaw.ca, 604-733-6873 for details.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: Please do not forget to fill in the Environment Committee survey to determine priority areas for the forthcoming year. Please give it to Melody Mason or leave it on Tara's desk in the office. If you need a paper copy, you can obtain one from Melody who will be in the foyer after the service. Otherwise, you can fill it in online at <http://ucvnotes.vancouverunitarians.ca/environment-committee/>

Want to connect about environmental activities and information? Do you want to be added to our Environment discussion email list for sharing information and events related to environmental initiatives (ucv-environment@googlegroups.com)? The group has approximately 60 members and there are on average 50 messages per month. If you have problems joining online please contact Mary Bennett at maryinvancouver@gmail.com

THE NEXT UCV THIRD SUNDAY BOOK CLUB WILL MEET ON MARCH 20 at 12:30 in Lindsey-Priestley to discuss *My Invented Country*, by Isabel Allende, which is a very personal and spirited memoir of Allende's Chilean homeland. All are welcome.

WOMEN'S ART SHOW—BEYOND THE SURFACE—MARCH, 2016: Opening March 5, 1—3 pm; celebratory circle dance, 3:30—5:30 pm. More info on Arts Bulletin board in Hall.

LEADERSHIP MENTORING PROGRAM: Are you a “newish” member (joined within the past five years) and find yourself moving into a leadership role at UCV? If so, you might find it helpful to be matched up with a long-time member/leader who can show you the ropes. We match up a newish member with an experienced leader in advance (contact me before February 29 if interested). The pairs attend the initial workshop and then meet one-on-one for three one-hour meetings and a final wrap up when the next program begins.

Contact Mary Bennett, maryinvancouver@gmail.com, if you'd like to participate as mentor or mentee and save the date. There will likely be three new pairs and one or two pairs from the previous program.

Saturday, March 12, 10 am—1 pm including potluck lunch in the Fireside Room
Organized by Connect & Engage, a subcommittee of the Membership Committee

NEEDED: Volunteers to help with the fun *Green Tea Sunday*, May 22, following the meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Women's Association at the CUC convention at UBC. Please contact Jenny Podlecki, jpodlecki@shaw.ca or phone 604-737-7794

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM TARA MACNIVEN.

I've been working at UCV for 6 years and up to this point, you have known me as "Tara MacNiven." I want you to know that I am on a journey of gender change. After February 29, family, friends and colleagues will know, and call me, "Hunter MacNiven." I will appreciate if you will call me Hunter from here on out and use male pronouns when referring to and talking about me. I trust you will appreciate this extraordinary chapter in my life and I'm glad to be sharing it with this community. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk with me. Sincerely, Hunter MacNiven

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

DON'T AGONIZE, ORGANIZE/DOWNSIZE: Transitioning to a new chapter in life can be very overwhelming for many people and their families. With a little planning and preparation, downsizing can be a liberating and rewarding experience. Join us to learn stress free strategies for saving money and letting go of unwanted stuff. The Unitarian Church of Vancouver is pleased to welcome Ranka Burzan, professional organizer and author, presenting this workshop. This session is free and light refreshments will be served. Suitable for all ages. 11 am, March 3, Unitarian Church of Vancouver. For more information please contact Karon Shear at 604-732-1555, karon@jsalliance.org.

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	Raj Pendakur, Pat Johnson
FLOWERS	Carolyn Innes
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL	Aphrodite Harris, Hilda Wiebe
LUNCH	UCV yUUth
ORDER OF SERVICE	Hunter MacNiven
SOUND	Rob Greig
GREETERS	John and Rae Smith, Greg Grant, Gary Smook, Hilda Wiebe
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Karen Bartlett, Jane Sutherland

STAFF

PARISH MINISTER	Rev. Steven Epperson
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CONGREGATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR	Ravina Sangara
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SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS	Virginia Crabill
UCV LAY CHAPLAINS	Robert Schultz, Randall McKinnon Nan Gregory, Nicola Hamilton, Sherry King

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