



***Inter-religious Dialogue:
What's There to Talk About?***

- Rev. Steven Epperson – March 13, 2016 -

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

March 13, 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

Jaisalmer

M.Dunn

Choro Negro

Paulinho da Viola

Gulf Isle Getaway

John Palmer

performed by 'Brighter Lights, Thicker Glasses'*

Invocation

Blessing Chant

L. Jarvis

with the Chalice Choir

Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours

Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Opening Hymn #361

Enter, Rejoice, Come In

Story for All Ages

read by Rev. Steven Epperson

Let's sing the children out: "Go now..."

Welcome and Announcements

Jenny Podlecki

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns

Jenny Podlecki

Offering

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

Get Together

Youngbloods

arr. J.Palmer

performed by 'Brighter Lights, Thicker Glasses'

Meditation, spoken then silent

Rev. Steven Epperson

Musical Response

*Gate, Gate***

B. Tate

with the Chalice Choir

Sermon

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Closing Hymn #193

Our Faith Is but a Single Gem

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.*

Postlude

Asturias New and Improved Isaac Albeniz
arr. Brighter Lights Thicker Glasses
Drive Darlin' Drive Sonja Glass, Valeska Steiner
performed by 'Brighter Lights, Thicker Glasses'

* 'Brighter Lights, Thicker Glasses' is a quartet comprising multi-instrumentalists who play eclectic music in sometimes unusual arrangements. The members are: Michael Dunn, John Palmer, Brian Samuels and Joe Bouchier. Contact info: Michael Dunn 604-251-1943

** The Sanskrit text of this song can be translated to mean "Gone, gone, gone all the way over, everyone gone to the other shore, enlightenment, hurray!"

March 20, 2016, 11 am

The Tyranny of Choice

Rev. Steven Epperson

music: *Chalice Choir*

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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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: *Beyond the Surface: Women's Art Exhibition*

Thirty-seven women artists are represented in this show.

Sponsored by UCV Arts Committee and Women's Spirituality Celebration planning group.

Photos from the opening can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/UCVancouver/>

(You don't have to be on facebook to view our page.)

Are you interested in planning the second annual women's art show? Contact Mary Bennett,

maryinvancouver@gmail.com

REFUGEE CTTE LUNCH TODAY: Deliciously prepared and served by the UCV Refugee Committee. Proceeds go to helping refugees abroad to come to Canada and to assist those already here.

FORUM: To find out where we are, what we've tried, and what's next, please join us for an informed conversation with the UCV Board of Trustees on the future of our congregation. 12:30 pm in the Fireside Room.

THE UCV MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE GENTLY REMINDS YOU that we are a more gracious congregation when we can address each other by name. Please make it part of your Sunday morning practice to wear a name tag. You may know who you are but many others don't.



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

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. CanUuddle 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, CanUuddle, meal ticket checkers, etc. Please contact Lynn Armstrong, lynnbea@gmail.com, 778-835-2546 or drop by the information table in Hewett Centre after the service today 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)

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR KEVAN CHASE, Sunday, March 20, 4 pm in the Sanctuary. Bring your memories, jokes, and a snack for the coffee reception. Please RSVP pungente_1@hotmail.com or text Caede on her cell: 604-737-1825.

URGENT: Member of UCV congregation needs housing by March 31. Nonsmoking male with one pet (a small bird in cage) would prefer to be near UBC. Contact origenrikzen@yahoo.com

ARE: 7 WORLD FAITH TRADITIONS COURSE with Stanley Tromp continues Tuesdays at 7 pm in Hitschmanova. Next class will continue 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.

THE NEXT MOVEABLE FEAST takes place on March 26, 6 pm at Red Ginger, 967 West Broadway in the heart of Fairview.

The culinary offerings take us to lands unknown. The cuisine is Asian fusion. Fusion cuisine combines ingredients and principles from various culinary traditions, so be in for a treat with food that may not be identifiable with a specific tradition or geographic region.

Your hosts will be Laura Gerkin, and Rae and John Smith. Please RSVP to geojohnsmith@hotmail.com so we can reserve an appropriate number of places. Everyone is welcome.

THE NEXT UCV THIRD SUNDAY BOOK CLUB WILL MEET ON MARCH 20 at 12:30 pm 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.

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

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT and help for *Love Soup* last Sunday! Because of you we can keep going. If you would like to share your favorite soup and/or desert, you will be loved to pieces. Your help in any form or size will be greatly appreciated. Next date will be April 3.—Amy Megumi Anderson, nosredna6@shaw.ca

ANYONE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING IDEAS OF philosophy contact Ursula, litzcke@telus.net.

FOUND: Mazda Key with door lock/unlock. If missing, please contact hunter@vancouverunitarians.ca or 604-261-7204.

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.

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	Ann Foster, Barbara Schafer, Amy Megumi Anderson
FLOWERS	Lorraine Calame
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL	Kaelyn Elfert, Lindsay Udem
LUNCH	Refugee Ctte
ORDER OF SERVICE	Hunter MacNiven
SOUND	Galen Elfert
GREETERS	Margo Elfert, Denise Nereida, Paul Prescod, Elizabeth Murdoch, Sakura Nandana
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Geoff Rempel, Nancy Barker

STAFF

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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