



Michael Servetus burned at the stake – 27 October 1553



James Reeb, UU minister & Voila Liuzzo, UU civil rights activist  
assassinated in Selma, Alabama – 23 March 1965

## *When It Is Dangerous To Be Unitarian*

Rev. Phillip Hewett and the Partner Church Ctte  
– March 6, 2016 –

# UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

## Celebration of Worship

March 6, 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 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.*

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<b>Prelude</b>	Ingathering singing with Joyce Poley
<b>Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours</b>	Alison Pearson
<b>Kindling the Chalice Flame</b>	
<b>Opening Hymn #123</b>	<i>Spirit of Life</i>
<b>Story for All Ages</b>	Rev. Phillip Hewett
Let's sing the children out: " <i>Go now...</i> "	
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>	Karen Bartlett
<b>Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns</b>	Karen Bartlett
<b>Offering</b> <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>4 Short Pieces</i> Bela Bartok played by E. Dainow
<b>Meditation, spoken then silent</b>	Mary Lage
<b>Musical Response</b>	<i>March</i> Tchaikovsky E. Dainow, piano
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>When it is Dangerous to be Unitarian</i> Rev. Phillip Hewett
<b>Closing Hymn #159</b>	<i>This is My Song</i>

**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.*

**Collection for Balázs Scholarship fund as we leave the Sanctuary** – supporting a year’s study for a student from Romania at Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley California. The program empowers students with a wider understanding of Unitarianism enabling more effective ministries when they return home.

Identifiable donations are eligible for a tax receipt

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March 13, 2016, 11 am

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

**Rev. Steven Epperson**

music: *Brighter Lights, Thicker Glasses*

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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# ***Now Is the Time***

-words & music by Joyce Poley

## Melody

*Now is the time, now is the time,  
Now is the time to speak as one,  
Now is the time to take a stand  
For the good, for the common good.*

## Harmony I

*We've got to do it right now, we've got to do it right now,  
We've got to do it, do it, do it right now,  
We've got to do it right now, we've got to do it right now,  
We've got to do it, do it right now.*

## Harmony II

*Ooo..... do it right now, (3 times)  
Do it, do it right now.*

## **MARCH 6, 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:** *Beyond the Surface: Women's Art Exhibition*

Sponsored by UCV Arts and Women and Spirituality Celebration. We had a lovely celebratory opening on Saturday. Thank you to all for your support of the show and the event. You're invited to the art show opening Saturday. Thirty-seven women are represented in this month's art show in honour of International Women's Day. Most will be at the art show opening on Saturday starting at 1 pm. If you're available, do come by and meet the artists. Fireside Room & Sanctuary open for viewing 1 pm–3 pm. *Mary Bennett, for planning committee*

**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 the environmental movement for over a decade. For the last five years his focus has been stopping tar sands pipelines.

**LOVE SOUP IS TODAY!** Please come and enjoy our delicious hot soup, fresh salad, fun cookies and tasty Terra Bread in our very friendly and happy dining room in Hewett Centre. Your support and help in any size is greatly appreciated! — *Amy Megumi Anderson*

**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 at [lynnbea@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:cwigmore1@shaw.ca), 604-879-6243)

**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](mailto:origenrikzen@yahoo.com)

**ARE: 7 WORLD FAITH TRADITIONS COURSE** with Stanley Tromp continues Tuesdays at 7pm in Hirschmanova. 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](mailto:paul@prescod.net), or Mary Murray, [marlmur@shaw.ca](mailto:marlmur@shaw.ca), 604-733-6873 for details.

**SPONSORED BY THE UCV SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE:** The full production of *The Hooker Monologues*, which was workshopped here in the Sanctuary in November, is coming to the Firehall Arts Centre this week, previewing on March 9 and opening on March 10 for a four-day run. For tickets, call the Firehall boxoffice at 604-689-0926 or go online to [firehallartscentre.ca](http://firehallartscentre.ca).

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:** This is your last chance to fill in the Environment Committee survey to determine priority areas for the forthcoming year. Please give it to Mary Bennett or leave it on Hunter's desk in the office. If you need a paper copy, you can obtain one from Mary who will be in the foyer after the service. Otherwise, you can fill it in online at <http://ucvnotes.vancouverunitarians.ca/environment-committee/>. Completed surveys should be submitted by 9 March. We need your feedback so please participate!

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jpodlecki@shaw.ca) or phone 604-737-7794

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING IDEAS OF philosophy** contact Ursula, [litzcke@telus.net](mailto:litzcke@telus.net).

***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*

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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/](http://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.

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## **OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TONY TURNER, OTTAWA UNITARIAN AND SINGER-SONGWRITER** of 'Harperman' and 'Circle of Song,' is doing a concert on Wed. March 9, 8pm, Cafe Deux Soleils, 2096 Commercial Dr., \$10 or PWYC. Contact Tony Turner & Shawna Caspi 604-254-1195 for details.

## ***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>	Carolyn Innes
<b>LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL</b>	Jean Stanton, Randall MacKinnon
<b>LUNCH</b>	Love Soup
<b>ORDER OF SERVICE</b>	Hunter MacNiven
<b>SOUND</b>	Rob Taylor
<b>GREETERS</b>	Ursula Litzcke, Denise Nereida, Melody Mason, Diana Lambrou
<b>WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE</b>	Audrey Cook, Huguette Sansonet

### **STAFF**

<b>PARISH MINISTER</b>	Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>COMMUNITY MINISTER</b>	Rev. Laura Imayoshi
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<b>OFFICE ASSISTANT / BOOKINGS</b>	Hunter MacNiven
<b>SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS</b>	Virginia Crabill
<b>UCV LAY CHAPLAINS</b>	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