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Back When Birds Could Speak

- Rev. Steven Epperson -

- May 15, 2016 -

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

May 15, 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

Of Sparrow, Lark and Dove - A Medley
arr. E. Dainow
played by E. Dainow

Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours

Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Opening Hymn #207

Earth Was Given as a Garden

Story for All Ages

read by Rev. Steven Epperson

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

Welcome and Announcements

Paul Prescod

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

Paul Prescod

Offering

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

A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square
Manning Sherwin
played by E. Dainow

Meditation

Rev. Steven Epperson

Musical Response

The Prophet Bird
R. Schumann
played by E. Dainow

Sermon

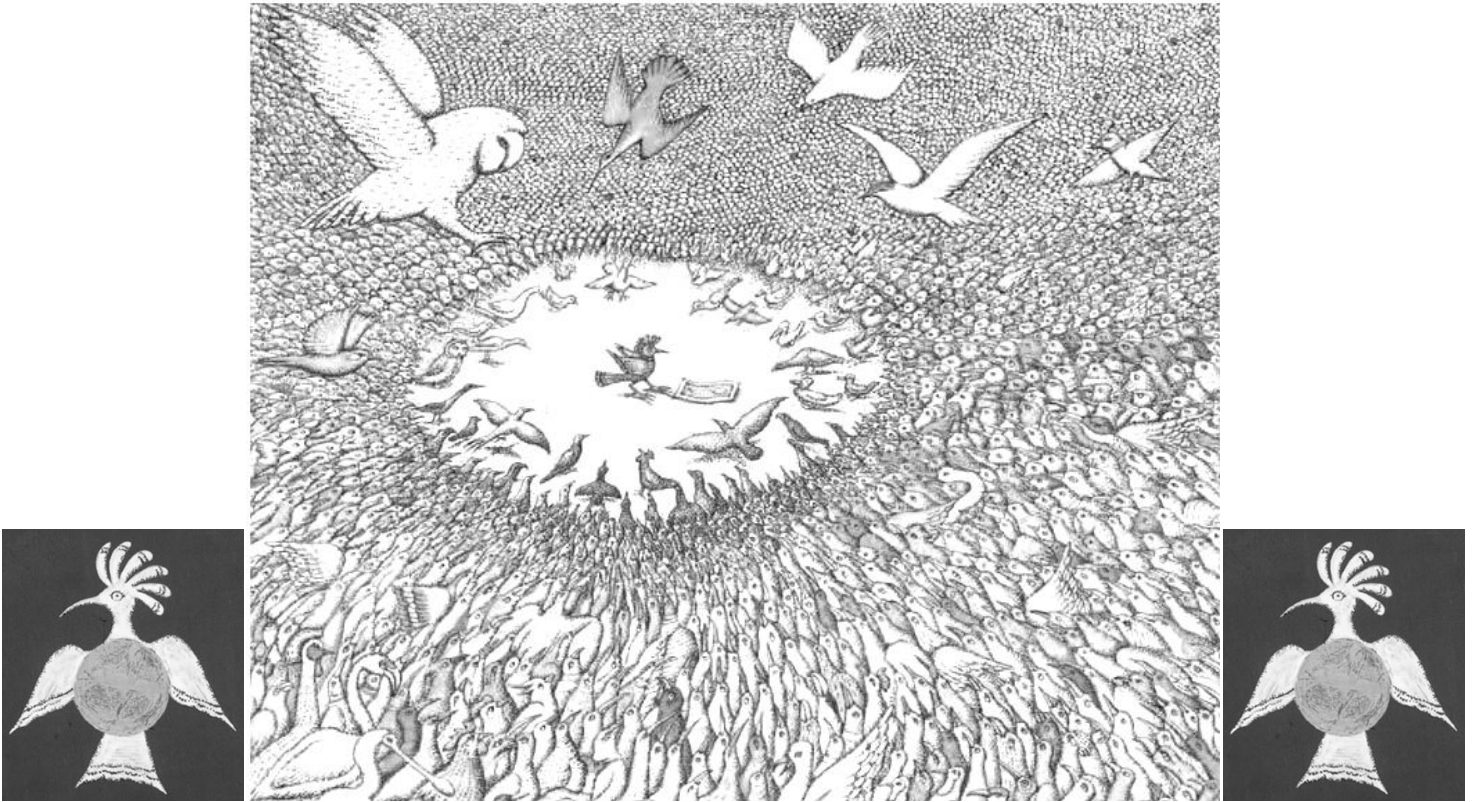
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Closing Hymn #175

We Celebrate the Web of Life

Valediction

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.
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Next Sunday Service: May 22, 2016,
CUC Sunday Worship Service
at the Chan Centre

Please Note! 10:00 am

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.



CUC CONFERENCE 2016: BOLDER WAYS OF BEING

Please Remember

What: Sunday Worship Service

Where: Chan Centre, UBC

When: Sunday, May 22 10:00 am

A collection will be taken to support two organizations:

The Burns Bog Society (local)

Truth and Reconciliation Canada (national)

Please make cheques out to the CUC.

MAY 15, 2016

ART THIS MONTH: Children and Youth of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver. *Faces of Nature*. Mixed-media masks, using plaster, acrylic and found objects. An exploration of how nature might appear or feel, as seen through the eyes and art of children and youth. Continuing in the Fireside Room is Developmental Disabilities Association until the end of May.

ARTS CTTE MEETING: Today, 12:30 pm in the Meditation Room. All welcome.

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.

LUNCH: Our UCV yUuth have prepared a delicious soup for you today. All proceeds go towards youth group programming and funding for trips to UU youth annual conferences. Please help us out and get some tasty food in the process!

THE THIRD SUNDAY BOOK GROUP meets TODAY at 12:30 pm in the Lindsey-Priestley Room, Hewett Centre to discuss the book *The Reason You Walk* by Winnipeg broadcaster and musician Wab Kinew. This revealing memoir explores two journeys of reconciliation: that of a father and a son; and that of a country searching for healing and a way forward. Indigenous teachings about human relations are deeply part of this book, but it is written in a way that is friendly to readers. Everyone welcome.

NO FORUM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CUC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT CHAN CENTRE MAY 22: Join Unitarians from across Canada at the worship service in the Chan Centre at UBC May 22. Doors to the Chan open at 9:30 am and the service begins at **10:00 am**. Please allow plenty of time to park in the nearby structure and walk a short distance to the entrance. There is a special accessible drop-off zone. Free admission tickets to the Chan (required for entry) will be available in local churches by the weekend of May 8, from volunteers outside the building on the morning, or in packets for registered participants. Contact Mary Lage (mlage@shaw.ca) if you can offer a ride to anyone needing assistance.

PARTICIPATE IN A CHANCE TO TALK TO UNITARIAN WOMEN FROM ACROSS CANADA:

Attend the AGM of the Canadian Women's Association followed by the Raging Grannies and a 'Green Tea.' Audrey Siegl of the Musqueam Nation will speak on 'Carrying on the Work of My Ancestors: how to be good stewards of the land.' Mary Murrin 3 Gage Towers (north facing Student Union Building, UBC). No cost (donations appreciated to cover expenses).

To register e-mail cuuwa.cuc@gmail.com. More detail at www.cuuwa.org/cuuwa-annual-tea-and-meeting-2016

NEXT FRIDAY (MAY 20) GREEN DRINKS AFTER THE CUC BANNER PARADE: If you are attending the CUC banner parade and opening (6:30—7:30 pm) at UBC (open to all) and want to enjoy a drink (or late dinner) with some of the Climate Change Covenant Group members, please join me/us at Mahoney & Sons 7:45 pm Friday. The conversation will be green not the drinks :>)

RSVP maryinvancouver@gmail.com Please confirm so I can update our reservation.

THE CLIMATE CHANGE COVENANT GROUP will also have a display table in the UBC Nest with resources and for making buttons that proclaim “I talk about climate change”. Your recycled metal pin-on buttons are appreciated. We will paint them in green and blue earth colours and put them to use as conversation starters. Mary (and possibly others) also will be leading a Green Tour of our buildings and grounds at 2:30 pm, Monday, May 23 to show off how we've greened the campus.

ONGOING ARE PROGRAM: Seven UU Principles in Practice, Wednesdays, 10–11:30 am. Not so much a class, more a place to learn from one another how the seven UU principles apply in our daily lives. Everyone has a voice. Everyone is heard. Please email info@vancouverunitarians.ca for more information or to register.

CLAY PLAY DAY, CIRCLE DANCE AND LABYRINTH WALK:

Thursday, May 19, 11am–1pm, Hall

Mary Bennett and Darlene Rainbow facilitate a monthly “Meditative mashup” with art-making, dance and labyrinth walking. This month Darlene will bring clay and her pottery experience so we can make pendants with labyrinth images and Mary will share some dances including dances choreographed for two of our favorite hymns (Let It Be a Dance and Come, Come, Whoever you Are.) RSVP is helpful to maryinvancouver@gmail.com,

THE UNSUNG HERO AWARD: Each year the UCV Board of Trustees invites members of the congregation to nominate members for the Unsung Hero(ine) Award. The Board may select up to two recipients from among the nominees and present the award on the last Sunday of the church year (this year - June 26, 2016). Information – Nomination sheets will be available in the Alcove on May 29th and June 5th. or by emailing unitariancv@yahoo.ca.

FORUM, JUNE 12, 1—2 PM: *Advanced Care Planning: Q & A Session on Planning for Incapacity and End-of-Life.* Speaker Dr. Paula Flynn will help untangle the complexities of this topic. She'll also guide us in our own planning—best done before we need it! Such as how to figure out and express our own wishes and how to elicit the wishes of loved ones. To help you know what questions to ask at the session, take a look at <http://www.advancecareplanning.ca/resource/british-columbia/>.

SUNDAY GREETERS URGENTLY REQUIRED for the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month. Arrive at 10:15 am to help with handing out the Order of Service, then after the collection you are free to join in the service. Some assistance with tidying up after the service may be needed. This is a great way to meet fellow members of the congregation and visitors, and to assist our community with just a small time commitment once a month. For more info or to sign up, please contact: Denise, 604-731-7630, djaynereida@hotmail.com or Margo, 604-276-1610, margoe@telus.net

UCV BOOK BASH WILL BE HELD ON MAY 29 from 9 am to 1 pm. We have a great selection of books to suit every reader. Calling for volunteers to help on Friday, May 27, and Sat, May 28 from 10 – 4 pm and Sunday, 1 – 4 pm. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers will get the opportunity to buy books ahead of Sunday's sale and a lunch is served on Sat. Call Lindsay at 604-806-0221 or David at 604-319-5199. **BOOK BASH DONATIONS STILL WELCOME.** No text books and only clean, gently used books please. Thank-you.

UCV EVENTS AND WEEKLY ORDER OF SERVICE: Do you get UCV Events and the weekly Order of Service delivered to your inbox? It's an easy way to keep up on what's going on around here. Just send an email to ucvevents@gmail.com if you'd like to be added to the list. ALL you'll receive is 5-6 messages per month. It's not a discussion list. AND if you WANT a discussion list, there's vancouverunitarians@googlegroups.com. Approximately 100 of us share news, dream up events and introduce ourselves. Let Mary Bennett know if you'd like to try it out.



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	yUUth Group
ORDER OF SERVICE	Hunter MacNiven
SOUND	Kaelyn Elfert
GREETERS	Jane Sutherland, Shirley McLeod, Carolyn Grant, Denise Nereida
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Laura Gerken, Nancy Strider

STAFF

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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