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# *Mothers' Day/Flower Communion*

- Rev. Steven Epperson -

- May 8, 2016 -

# UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

May 8, 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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## Prelude

*Estudio no. 7*

Fernando Sor

*Romanza*

anon.

*Milonga*

Jorge Cardoso

*Here Comes the Sun*

Beatles

with Peter Zaenker, guitar\*

## Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours

Rev. Steven Epperson

## Kindling the Chalice Flame

## Opening Hymn #357

*Bright Morning Star*

## Special Announcement

Morgan Reid, UCV DRE

## 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.*

*Mama Liked the Roses*

Elvis Presley

P. Zaenker, guitar & vocals

## Meditation

Rev. Steven Epperson

## Musical Response

*Mother and Child Re-union*

Paul Simon

P. Zaenker, guitar & vocals

## Remarks

*Fire and Home*

Rev. Steven Epperson

# *Flower Communion and Prayer*

(from words by Norbert Capek)

**SE:** In the name of that which plants in the seed the future of the flower and in our hearts the longing for people to live in harmony

**Congregation:** *In the name of the sages, the wise and noble women and men who lived their lives in order to hasten the coming of justice and peace – let us renew our resolution, sincerely, to be brothers and sisters.*

**SE:** In this our holy resolve, may we be strengthened in the spirit of affection and fellowship so that...

**All:** *TOGETHER, may we endeavour to achieve a more just and joyful life.*

**Closing Hymn #1051**

*We Are...*

**Closing Words**

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Valediction**

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

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\* Peter Zaenker was born into a musical family and played cello and trumpet before focusing on classical guitar. He studied at UBC and the Cologne Musikhochschule and upon returning to Vancouver after a 10 year stint in Germany, he currently makes his living teaching middle school music in New Westminster in addition to performing at weddings and functions in a guitar and violin duo. He may be contacted at: [pzaenker@telus.net](mailto:pzaenker@telus.net)

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**Next Sunday Service: May 15, 2016, 11 am**

## *Back When Birds Could Speak*

**Rev. Steven Epperson**

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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# THE SUNDAY UNITARIAN

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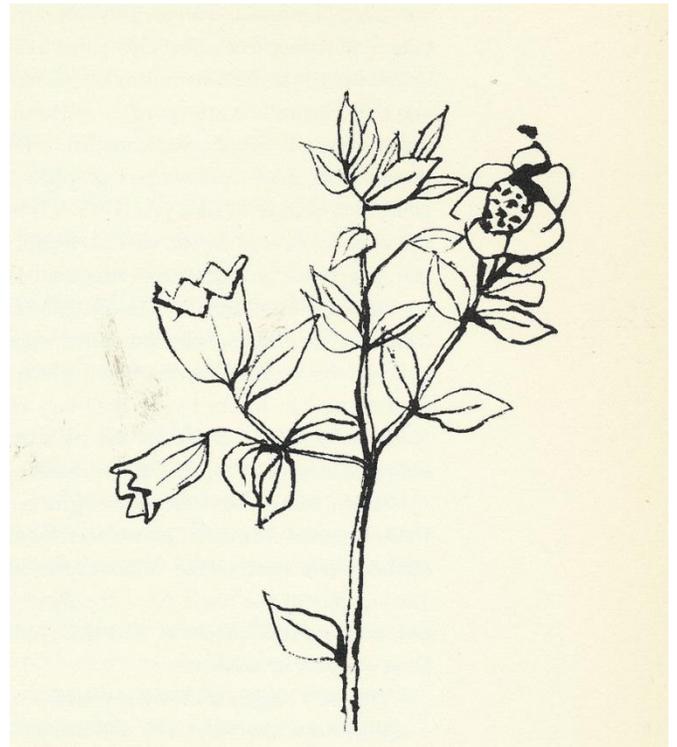
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## The Flower Communion

The Flower Communion service was created by Norbert Capek (1870-1942), who founded the Unitarian Church in Czechoslovakia. He introduced this special service on June 4, 1923. For some time, he had felt the need for a symbolic ritual that would bind people more closely together, a format that would not alienate any who had forsaken other religious traditions. He turned to the native beauty of the Czech countryside for elements of a genuine communion.

The Flower Communion was brought to North America in 1940 and introduced to the members of the Cambridge, Massachusetts, church by Dr. Capek's wife, Maja V. Capek. The Czech-born Maja had met Norbert Capek in New York City while he was studying for his Ph.D., and it was at her urging that Norbert left the Baptist ministry and turned to Unitarianism. The Capeks returned to Czechoslovakia in 1921 and established the dynamic liberal church in Prague; Maja Capek was ordained in 1926. Unfortunately, Maja was unable to return to Prague due to the outbreak of World War II, and it was not until the War was over that Norbert Capek's death in a Nazi concentration camp was revealed. From this beginning, the Flower Communion has spread to many of our Unitarian Universalist congregations and has been adapted along the way.



By exchanging flowers, we show our willingness to walk together in our search for truth, disregarding all that might divide us. Each person takes home a flower brought by someone else, thus symbolizing our shared celebration in community. This communion of sharing is essential to a free people of a free religion.



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**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.

**ATS 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:** Deliciously prepared and served by the UCV Refugee Committee. Proceeds help us to bring refugee families to Canada and to assist those refugee families that are already here.

**NO FORUM**

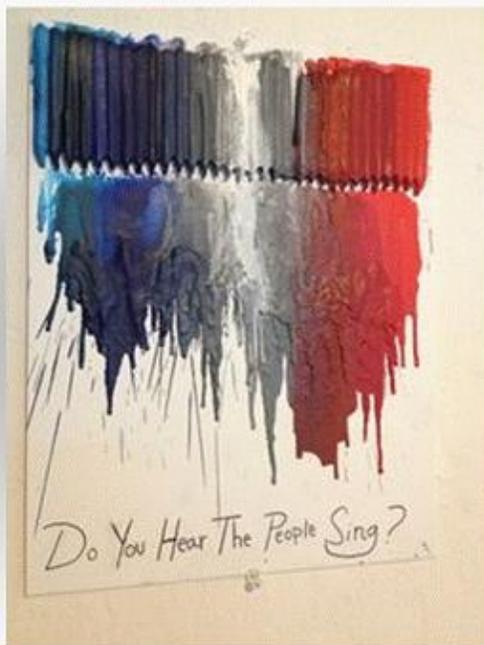
## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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](mailto:careandconcern@vancouverunitarians.ca)”

Sincerely, Rev. Steven Epperson



## *Chalice Choir Spring Cabaret*

*Saturday, May 14, 7:30 pm*

*(UCV (Oak & 49th))*

*Special guests – ErRatica*

*No-host bar, light snacks*

*Tickets: \$20 (low income, pay what you can)*

**CHALICE CHOIR SPRING CABARET:** Dreaming of Summer! Join the Chalice Choir for a light-hearted evening of folk and pop music, with special guests ErRatica. No host bar & light snacks. Childcare provided. Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 pm, Hewett Centre. Tickets are limited, so get yours early! \$20 (low income – pay what you can), available from any choir member.

**AN EVENING OF GOOD COMPANY GOOD FOOD WITH ADVENTUROUS DINING:**

UCV Moveable Feast: Saturday, May 28th At 6:00pm. Tamam Palestinian Restaurant 2616 East Hastings (just east of Nanaimo). To confirm your attendance and learn about the menu: Michael Clague: 604-224-0604 or mclague@telus.net

**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.

**UCV WILL HAVE AN OUTREACH BOOTH AT THIS YEAR'S PRIDE FESTIVAL** at Sunset Beach Park on Sunday, July 31, following the Pride Parade. We need about 20 good souls to represent the church as a warm, LGBTQ-friendly place that welcomes all people to express and explore their spirituality. Thanks to the 3 who have volunteered so far! Will you commit to a two-hour chunk of that day, to help with morning set-up, staffing the booth, or afternoon take-down and clean-up? We need your ideas and enthusiasm to make this a success! Contact Nan Gregory, nangregory@shaw.ca or Geoff Rempel, g\_rempel@yahoo.com

**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.

**THE THIRD SUNDAY BOOK GROUP** meets Sunday, May 15 at 12:30 pm in the Lindsey-Priestley Room to discuss the book *The Reason You Walk* by Wab Kinew. From his unique vantage point, Kinew offers an inside view of what it means to be an educated aboriginal living in a country that is just beginning to wake up to its aboriginal history and living presence. Indigenous teachings about human relations are deeply part of this book, but it is written in a way that is friendly to readers. All are welcome.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH** for coming to eat and help our delicious *Love Soup* last Sunday! Because of your strong support and great help, we could finish very strong. We will take the summer off and see you in the fall. Have a great summer!

## ***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>	Ann Foster, Barbara Schafer, Amy Megumi Anderson
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Lorraine Calame
<b>LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL</b>	Kaelyn Elfert, Lindsay Udem
<b>LUNCH</b>	Refugee Ctte
<b>ORDER OF SERVICE</b>	Hunter MacNiven
<b>SOUND</b>	Galen Elfert
<b>GREETERS</b>	Margo Elfert, Denise Nereida, Paul Prescod, Sakura Nandana
<b>WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE</b>	

### **STAFF**

<b>PARISH MINISTER</b>	Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>COMMUNITY MINISTER</b>	Rev. Laura Imayoshi
<b>DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>	Morgan Reid
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<b>CONGREGATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR</b>	Ravina Sangara
<b>OFFICE ASSISTANT / BOOKINGS</b>	Hunter MacNiven
<b>SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS</b>	Virginia Crabill
	Robert Schultz, Randall McKinnon
<b>UCV LAY CHAPLAINS</b>	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*

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