



“Tree of Life”, Gustav Klimt, 1909

The Wicked Problem of What’s for Dinner

Dr. Michael Bomford

– August 6, 2017 –

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

August 6, 2017

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 helps to create a spirit for shared celebration and worship.
Please refrain from conversing and please turn off your cell phones.*



Prelude

Eric Wyness,* Pianist

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours

David Macdonald

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Lindsay Herriot

Opening Hymn #134

Our World is One World

Story for all Ages

All the World by Liz Garton & Marla Frazee

Children's Recessional

No recessional. Children are welcome to stay with their parents for the service. Childcare is available for infants.

Welcome and Announcements

Doug Ennenberg

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns

Doug Ennenberg

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

Eric Wyness, Pianist

Meditation/Prayer

#515, *We Lift Up Our Hearts in Thanks*

Musical Response

Eric Wyness, Pianist

Homily

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Closing Hymn #347

Gather the Spirit

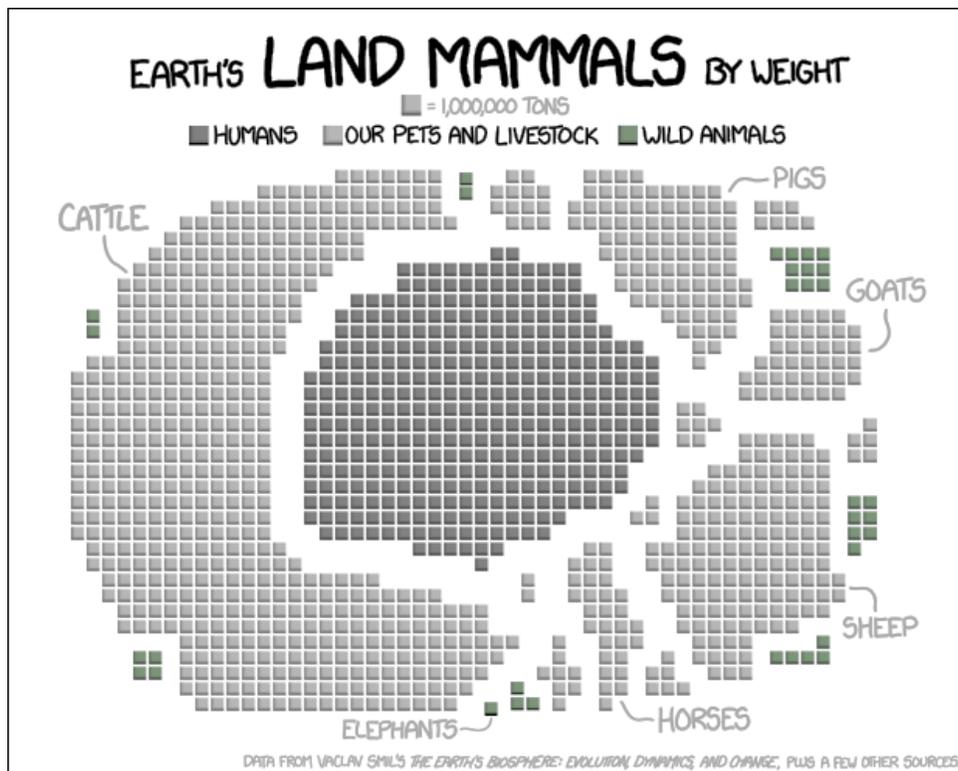
Closing Words / Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

*Go your ways,
knowing not the answers to all things,
yet seeking always the answer
to one more thing than you know.*
John W. Brigham

Valediction *Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.
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* A writer, teacher, musician and Vancouver native, Eric played in several popular rock and jazz outfits while doing classical music at UBC, taking piano with Bob Rogers, theory and composition with Cortland Hultberg. After studying gamelan in Bali, Eric returned to write, teach, and lead the notorious freeform improv ensemble *die fliegende Untertassen*.

** Mike teaches Sustainable Agriculture at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, contributing to a program that combines classroom and farm-based learning to advance agriculture that is ecologically sound, economically viable, and socially just. He recently returned to BC from Kentucky, where he spent 10 years leading research, extension, and teaching programs related to organic agriculture, with an emphasis on small farms.



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 & strollers*

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ucvevents@gmail.com Please include your name.

Next Sunday Service: August 13, 2017, 11 am

What a Questioning Theist Learned from Atheism

Meg Roberts

AUGUST 6, 2017 – TODAY AT UCV

CHILDREN’S PROGRAM: We are committed to providing safe, compassionate, age-appropriate programming for all children and youth who attend or visit UCV. Our goal is to find the Fun with Meaning! Our Summer program is small and laid back, focused on games, gardening, and art led by volunteer guides and parents. Activities are open to both members and visitors. Everyone attends the start of service together through the chalice lighting, opening hymn, and story for all ages.

Today's service is inclusive of all ages. After the story children will return to sit with their families. Childcare is available for any children who need more active or noisy play between 10:45 am and 12:30 pm in Servetus Room on the main floor of Hewett Centre, opposite the library.

Please meet your child in the playroom or in the garden/playground after the service: children under age 9 will remain with the childcare staff until met by a responsible family member.

YOUTH GROUP Our High School Youth Group (grades 8-12) does not meet during the summer. During the school year our Youth Group is led collaboratively by the youth and trained advisors. They meet weekly to explore issues of faith development, social justice, life experiences, trials, tribulations, and joys of navigating life—through games and small group activities. Other activities include monthly youth sleepovers at the church, Regional UU Youth Conferences, and the UU-United Nations Office (NYC) Spring Seminar on Global Migration in April of 2018. Please contact Olivia Hall (oliviahmargaret@gmail.com) or Kiersten Moore (dre@vancouverunitarians.ca) for more information.

MEDITATION: Join us for the Sunday morning sitting meditation at 10 – 10:45 am. There is brief guidance at the beginning of each sit. In consideration of others, please try to come on time. Any inquiries can be sent to victoriaoginski@gmail.com.

UCV LIBRARY BOOKS Related to today’s sermon include:

- 178 - The Way We Eat - Why Our Food Choices Matter by Peter Singer and Jim Mason
- 615.8 - How to Live Longer and Feel Better by Linus Pauling
- 613.2 - Omnivore's Dilemma - A Natural History of Four meals by Michael Pollan
- 613 - In Defense of Food / An Eater's Manifesto by Michael Pollan

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

UCV'S NEW COMING OF AGE PROGRAM! Next year UCV will be running a Coming of Age mentorship program for children and youth ages 12-14 where our kids can learn, reflect, and grow. Do you have a child in this age range who wants to spend next year playing games, getting to know their peers, and deepening their understanding of their spirituality? If so, please email Olivia Hall (oliviahmargaret@gmail.com) and Kiersten Moore (dre@vancouverunitarians.ca).

AUGUST ART EXHIBIT: *Call of the Drums* photographic art exhibit by Gail Stephan, running August 1 to September 1 in the UCV Sanctuary. Meet the artist! On August 13 and 27, Gail herself will be hosting in the Hewett Center from 10 to 11am, and from 12 to 1 pm. Follow Gail on Instagram at @gks1950 or visit her Facebook page (Gail Stephan).

NEXT MOVEABLE FEAST: PLUS John Voth's artworks, "*Exposed: The Inner Beauty of Wood*". Saturday, August 26, 6 pm at Enigma Restaurant (4397 West 10 Avenue). RSVP to Dianne Crosbie, dcrosbie@uniserve.com



JOIN THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM: We're gearing up for fall back-to-church and it would be a benefit to have a few more folk on the communications team to help committees and groups design brochures, update the website, write news posts and make posters for the bulletin boards. Meetings (usually only two a year) are optional. More details here: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/ucv/communications-team/> maryinvancouver@gmail.com

RENT OUR SPACE! Are you part of a group who needs to rent space for meetings, concerts, celebrations? Please consider--and pass along--information about our church space. While some times of the year get busy, there's lots of space available over the summer. You can find the rates and spaces available here: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/ucv/about-us/facility-rental/> Contact Marcus at info@vancouverunitarians.ca or call 604-261-7204 extension 0 for more information.

LAY CHAPLAIN OPPORTUNITY: UCV Lay Chaplains co-create and officiate at weddings, memorials, child blessings and other rites of passage ceremonies such as house blessings and coming out ceremonies. It's a joyful, loving service to the greater community beyond UCV. It's also a path to personal spiritual growth. The work is demanding but intermittent. It asks for maturity, empathy, imagination, and wholeheartedness. Its benefits are beyond words. For more details about the job's requirements and its blessings, contact Nan Gregory, nangregory@shaw.ca, 604-228-1450, or Katherine Roback, katherinekrobach@gmail.com, 604-872-0426.

EARTH-CENTERED SPIRITUAL GATHERINGS: A couple of UCV members are incubating an idea for a family-friendly pagan(ish) celebration on the Sunday afternoon nearest the equinoxes and solstices. What we're considering is a 2 – 3 pm ritual with song and dance; 3 – 4 pm nature-based activity; 4 – 5 pm potluck finger food (might be dinner for some of us!). The idea would be that some people would hang around for 3 hours and others just for the ritual. If this has some appeal for you, could you drop me a note with your feedback. The first one will likely be Sunday, September 17 to celebrate the autumn equinox. Mary Bennett maryinvancouver@gmail.com

Saturday, September 23, 2017 (from 5:30 pm)

JOIN THE FUN
at the 4th annual



- *tasty food*
- *congenial company*
- *excellent entertainment*

\$12 tickets (or by donation) on sale after service Sept. 10 & 17
in Hewett Hall (only 100 available)

* **Bring a salad or entré (appetizers & dessert provided)**
Childcare available (please indicate if needed when you purchase tickets)

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: The Overdose Prevention Society (OPS) is the organization to receive funds from OOF from the beginning of June until the end of September. OPS was founded in September 2016 by three women who were concerned about how little was being done about the growing fentanyl crisis in Vancouver. In potential violation of the law, they set up a drug injection site in an alley in Vancouver's downtown Eastside to combat the many overdose deaths and have saved hundreds of lives. Their peer-based services are beneficial to the health authority, to the community, and to the participants themselves and ensure access to health & welfare services to excluded, vulnerable & marginalized people.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL VANCOUVER ISLAND UNITARIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT will be held at Bethlehem Retreat Centre in Nanaimo BC on the weekend of September 15 to 17, 2017. The cost for the weekend is \$265. The workshop is *Write Your Life* with Lois Peterson and Maggie de Vries. Registration form with more information is at <http://tinyurl.com/2017NWR>. For further information contact Theresa at tmarton3@yahoo.com or [604-687-4864](tel:604-687-4864).

CREATIVE ARTS ELIOT CAMP 2017 FOR UUs AND THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Did you know that there is an arts-related summer camp run by The Eliot Institute for UUs of all ages in our area (Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, Alaska, and Western Idaho) and their friends and family? *Creative Arts Eliot 2017* will take place at the beautiful Seabeck Conference Center on Hood Canal in Seabeck, Washington from August 12 through August 16, 2017, and will offer opportunities for UUs and friends and relatives to enjoy many wonderful aspects of a multi-generational camp experience. For more information, please contact the Eliot Administrator at Eliotregistrar@gmail.com or visit our website at www.eliotinstitute.org.

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

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Catherine Stewart, Adele Cleverdon

FLOWERS

Chris Pearce

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Jean Stanton

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Ursula Litzcke, Denise Nereida, Melody Mason, Gerda Schulz

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Doug Ennenberg

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The Unitarian Church of Vancouver

Our Vision

Because we envision a more compassionate world, we seek to deepen our spiritual and religious lives, grow and enrich our congregation, and advocate for love and justice.

Living Our Vision

As Unitarians, we are dedicated to spiritual growth, social justice, and reverence for nature and all life. We embody these values through worship, ethical action, artistic expression, and religious education for all ages that aim to connect hearts, heads, and hands. Our congregation welcomes all ages, orientations, abilities, and identities in our joyous search for meaning.