



UN Sunday and Gibbard Award

Rev. Steven Epperson with John Gibbard Award Committee and this year's award recipient: Akanksha Thakur

– October 22, 2017



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER



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.*



Warm Welcome!

Please visit our Visitors' Table in the Sanctuary foyer and get a nametag. 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.

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.*

The UCV Campus is a non-smoking environment.

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 build intentionally inclusive community across ages and explore big questions through story, art, and play. Sunday morning classes are presented free of charge as part of the mission of this congregation. Everyone attends the start of service together through the chalice lighting, opening hymn, and story for all ages.

- **After the story, children of all ages may proceed to the lower level of Hewett Centre** to the Channing room (south side downstairs) for our multi-age program, Spirit Play, led by our Religious Exploration staff teacher and trained volunteers. We welcome our very youngest to join us in this safe and exploratory space.
- **Children registered for the Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation Reflection Guide for upper elementary** (ages 8-11/grade 4-6) meet in the Parker room (central room) downstairs until 12:15.
- **Coming of Age** is a mentor based program for youth ages 12-14 exploring their own beliefs about life, the universe, and everything. Registered participants meet in the Hirschmanova room downstairs until 12:15 pm.

Please see Kiersten Moore, our Director of Religious Education if you have any questions or concerns.

Children and babies are welcome to remain with their parents/guardians through the service if they prefer. **Please meet your child downstairs after the service: children under age 9 will remain in class until met by a responsible family member. Older children may join their family upstairs for social hour.**

YOUTH GROUP: Our High School Youth Group (grades 8-12) meets from 1 – 3 pm each Sunday in Hirschmanova on the lower level of Hewett Centre. Our Youth Group is led collaboratively by the youth and trained advisors. They explore issues of faith development, social justice, life experiences, trials, tribulations and joys of navigating life—and they always include a good measure of fun and games. All youth members and visitors are welcome every week.

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.

TODAY'S FORUM: 12:45 pm, Fireside Room – hear about the upcoming world premiere production of *Missing* from Dr. Charles Barber, Conductor and Artistic Director of City Opera Vancouver, along with a member of the cast. **Missing** tells a story everybody knows, about a woman no one remembers. Set in Vancouver and along the *Highway of Tears*, this music drama is being created to give voice to the story of Canada's missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls, and to show that each and every one of these missing people is honored. For further information, visit: <http://cityoperavancouver.com/missing> Sponsor: Social Justice Committee

FALL BOOK SALE: Please join us for our Fall book sale today from 9 am – 1 pm in the Hewett Hall. We will have current titles, many genres of fiction, extensive topical non-fiction, as well as gorgeous art and coffee table books, many in mint condition. Most will be priced from \$1 to \$3.

PHILOSOPHERS' CAFÉ FEEDBACK: From noon to 2 pm. Join Randall MacKinnon for a minute or an hour at an alcove round table to discuss possible provocative dialogic topics for the January to April term. Randall is the "mad Hatter" with the Halloweenesque "well red" hat. The more outrageous the suggestions the better.

LUNCH TODAY: Enjoy an organic, vegetarian lunch deliciously prepared and served by members of the UCV Environment Committee. All proceeds go to the committee's 'Green Fund.' The purpose of the UCV Green Fund is to make church buildings more energy efficient, as well as to raise environmental awareness within the church and the community at large.

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Pat Johnson

FLOWERS

Lauren Stokes

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Aphrodite Harris, Hilda Wiebe

SOUND

Rob Greig

LUNCH

Environment Committee

GREETERS

John and Rae Smith, Greg Grant, Gary Smook, Hilda Wiebe

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Jenny Podlecki

Celebration of Worship: October 22, 2017

Prelude	<i>Fiddle and the Drum</i> <i>Hymn to Freedom</i> <i>We Have Not Come to Take Prisoners</i>	Joni Mitchell Oscar Peterson Sara Kennedy & Dan Reynolds Hafiz lyrics translated by Daniel Ladinsky Performed by Sara Kennedy & Nicholas Peck*
Invocation	<i>Circle Chant</i>	L. Hirschhorn With the Chalice Choir
Welcome & Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Hymn #131		<i>Love Will Guide Us</i>
Story for all Ages		Read by Rev. Steven Epperson
Announcements		Doug Ennenberg
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Doug Ennenberg
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>And For No Reason</i>	Sara Kennedy & Dan Reynolds Hafiz lyrics translated by Daniel Ladinsky Performed by Sara Kennedy & Nicholas Peck
Meditation		
Musical Response	<i>Song for Peace</i>	A. MacGillivray, arr. D. Loomer With the Chalice Choir – Solo: Beth Breisnes
John Gibbard Award**		Award presented by the John Gibbard Award Committee
<i>This year's Gibbard Award honours Akanksha Thakur***</i>		
Closing Hymn #318		<i>We Would Be One</i>
Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Postlude	<i>Waters of March</i>	Antonio Carlos Jobim Performed by Sara Kennedy & Nicholas Peck

* Local Jazz vocalist Sarah Kennedy can be found around town at venues such as Frankie's Jazz Club and Pat's Pub and Brewhouse. Her recent projects have included a Blossom Dearie Tribute show and composition of her own music using the poetry of the Sufi master Hafiz She is also the lead vocalist of "The Colorifics" Sarah is accompanied by Nicholas Peck on piano. Originally from England, Nick moved to Vancouver in 2013 and has quickly earned himself a reputation as one of the most accomplished jazz piano and B3 organ performers in the city. For more information, visit: www.sarahkennedymusic.com / www.thecolorifics.ca / www.nickpeck.com

** The **John Gibbard Memorial Award** is presented annually by the Vancouver Branch of the United Nations Association in Canada in recognition and memory of John Gibbard who was a supporter of the League of Nations from its creation in 1919, in the wake of the First World War. When the League ceased to exist, John Gibbard continued to support the ideals upon which the League had been founded. When the United Nations was formed after the Second World War, John Gibbard became an active member of the United Nations Association in Canada. He was dedicated to involving youth in the creation of a better world for all.

*** **Akanksha Thakur** is a Simon Fraser University student. She's being honoured with the John Gibbard award this year in recognition of her work in several domains: Ms. Thakur was instrumental in helping to build inclusive curriculum and intercultural competence in SFU's *English as an Additional Language* and career support program; she taught in public schools in Indonesia; she was recently chosen to be Youth Ambassador for the Canadian Race Relations Foundation, and is on the Board of Directors of Pratham Education Foundation, an NGO dedicated to educating underprivileged children in India.



Sculpture of Non-Violence, Carl Fredrik Reuterswärd, UN Headquarters, New York City

UCV This Week: Do you want to receive the weekly service information and announcements by email? Just send your request to ucvevents@gmail.com or sign up at the welcome table in the foyer any Sunday.

Next Sunday Service: October 29, 2017

Encountering Our Ancestors XIII

Rev. Steven Epperson

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

UCV BOARD DEVELOPMENT: If any member in good standing is interested in being on the UCV Board, or would like to nominate someone, please contact the Nominating Committee at diane@rubyslippers.ca.

OCTOBER 29 ANCESTOR'S SHRINE: Following our annual tradition in honor of Samhain, All Souls Eve, and many Autumn observances, the Children's Religious Education program will be transforming our Meditation Room on October 29th into an Ancestor's Shrine to honor and remember those we love. We invite anyone who wishes to bring photos or mementos of loved ones to the Meditation Room before service on the 29th to add to the shrine.

CALL OUT TO ALL UCV COMMITTEES! Please send your annual reports to Marg Fletcher mfletcher508@gmail.com. The Annual General Meeting will be held November 12, 2017.

FIRESIDE YOGA: A quiet practice of gentle stretching will be offered in the Fireside Room at UCV by certified and practicing Hatha Yoga teacher, Philippa Syme. Props provided. 7-week series on Mondays, from Oct 2 to Nov 20, 7 – 8:15 pm. Suggested rate for 7 classes: \$10 each or \$12 drop-in. No experience required. No one turned away due to lack of funds. Call or email appili@shaw.ca / 604-836-9165, or just come to start at 7 pm.

SHARE YOUR STORY – A SERMON WRITING WORKSHOP: Saturday, October 28, 2017, 1 – 6 pm in the Hewett Centre. Facilitated by Rev. Meg Roberts. To help integrate your learning, a follow-up 1 ½-hour group coaching session is included on either Tues. Nov. 28, 7 – 8:30 pm OR Sat. Nov. 25, 10:30 am – 12 noon. This will encourage you to work on your sermon, offer support for any roadblocks you hit, and provide feedback to polish your creation. To register, contact UCV Workshop Committee chair, Way Kent: 110395@telus.net. Early bird registration deadline and cost: September 30 (\$35) Final registration deadline and cost: October 22 (\$50)

'HAPPY PLACE' THEATRE GROUP: Some Unitarians are attending *Happy Place* at the Firehall Arts Centre on Thursday, October 26. As well as the 4 confirmed, Mary has put a hold on two tickets in the second to the front row. If you'd like to join us, contact Mary – or call and purchase tickets directly. Adults \$33, Seniors \$28. maryinvancouver@gmail.com More details: <http://firehallartscentre.ca/>. If you'd like to join an email group to hear about arts and culture events members are attending, send a blank email to ucv-arts-and-culture+subscribe@googlegroups.com or ask Mary.

NEXT MOVEABLE FEAST: On Saturday October 28th, back by popular demand, we will be meeting at the Grandview Szechuan Restaurant at 6:00 pm, Fraser Street and East 26th <https://grandviewchinese.ca> Wheel chair accessible. To reserve your place at our table, reply to dcrosbie@uniserve.com

NEW TO UCV WORKSHOP: Everything you wanted to know about Unitarianism and UCV but were afraid to ask! Join us for this one-day workshop on **Saturday, Nov 4, 9:15 am – 2:30 pm in the Fireside Room.** Coffee and muffins at 9:00 am, lunch provided. Attendance encouraged prior to becoming a UCV member. Interested current members also welcome. Registration forms available at the Welcome Table or church office. Babysitting requests 2 weeks in advance. Questions, contact Dianne Crosbie at dcrosbie@uniserve.com or the church office 604-261-7204.

BENEFIT CONCERT – VANCOUVER HOSPICE SOCIETY: On Saturday, November 4, a chamber music concert will be held in the UCV Sanctuary to benefit the Vancouver Hospice Society. The Microcosmos String Quartet (plus guest performers) will play works by Britten, Mozart and Astor Piazzolla. Concert at 3 pm, followed by refreshments in the Hall. Tickets at eventbrite.com or at the door.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING: Sun. Nov. 5, 9:45am - 10:45am in the Biddle room. Please contact co-chairs, Mary Bennett or Paul Prescod, in advance if you'd like to participate. More information here: <http://wp.me/communications>

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE for the possible redevelopment of part of the UCV site will meet Wednesday, November 27 at 7 pm in Hewett Hall – a very important meeting! – *Gordon Gram and Michael Clague*

LAY CHAPLAIN OPPORTUNITY: UCV Lay Chaplains co-create and officiate at weddings, memorials, child blessings and other rites of passage ceremonies. It's a joyful, loving service to the greater community and a path to personal spiritual growth. For more details about the job's requirements and its blessings, contact Nan Gregory, nangregory@shaw.ca, 604-228-1450, or Katherine Roback, katherinekrobak@gmail.com, 604-872-0426.

CASUAL CARETAKER OPPORTUNITY: UCV is in need of casual Caretakers to help maintain our beautiful campus and to assist the many individuals and community groups who make use of our rental spaces. Previous caretaking or custodial experience is an asset but not necessarily required. Must be available to work evenings and weekends. This is an ideal opportunity for students or for those looking for a source of supplemental income. If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to Aurora Eyolfson at ca@vancouverunitarians.ca.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: The Outreach Opportunities Fund will be collecting for a First Nations organisation, Warriors Against Violence Society (WAVS), from October through January. WAVS has been in operation since 1998 with the aim of reducing violence against women by helping men learn how to make positive changes in their lives. The program provides the opportunity for participants to share their stories and obtain support, and reclaim traditional values of equality, honour and respect for themselves and others.

LOVE SOUP: Last Sunday's *Love Soup* was very successful. Thank you very much for your continued support! When we need help, we sure do get it! *Love Soup* is a great fundraising opportunity for our beautiful church. If you have any questions, please ask our dedicated office staff!



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.

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