



## *Forge Ahead*

Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson

– April 2, 2017 –

# UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

April 2, 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.



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*The prelude 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**

Music by Schubert\*  
E. Dainow, piano

**Invocation**

*Come, Come Whoever You Are* L.A. Ungar,  
with words by Rumi  
performed by the Chalice Choir

**Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours**

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Kindling the Chalice Flame**

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Opening Hymn #61**

*Lo, the Earth Awakens Again*

**Story for all Ages**

read by Rev. Steven Epperson

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

Erin Moulding

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

Erin Moulding

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

Musical Selection  
Simon Marmorek, Joel Reid & Matt Beebe

**Meditation, spoken then silent**

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Musical Response**

*The Road Home*  
From *Southern Harmony* adapted by S. Paulus  
Solo: Nicola Hamilton

**Sermon**

*Forge Ahead* Rev. Steven Epperson

**Closing Hymn #295**

Sing Out Praises for the Journey

**Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame**

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Valediction**

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.  
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\* In our generous pledging today, let us emulate the friends of Schubert: Publishers routinely cheated him of adequate payments for his work and his circle of devoted friends was most generous in supporting him.



Nevada 722, David Baddley

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**Next Sunday Service: April 9, 2017, 11 am**

## ***Abandon (Nearly) All Hope?***

Rev. Dr. 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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**APRIL 2, 2017**

**SING TO THE POWER OF GIVING!  
PLEDGE KICK-OFF DAY IS HERE!**



Sing heartily, pledge proudly and enjoy strudel and ice cream in Hewett Hall after the service. Please enjoy our very special Canvass Band today. Thank you to the 137 folks who picked up their pledge letter. We saved well over \$100!  
Liz Monrad and Lynn Armstrong

**THE CANVASS BAND:**

*Piano* - Patrick "el capitan" Dubois  
*Vocals* - Matt "the tasty taste" Beebe  
*Saxophone* - Joel "music's the way" Reid  
*Drums* - Simon "not quite Ringo" Marmorek

Joel, Matt and Simon play for an assortment of local bands: Sunny Pompeii, The Works, and Fly Ball. They are happy to be here today and believe art has something for each of us.

**Homophones at work:**

*Mercutio:*        *Nay, gentle Romeo, we must have you dance.*

*Romeo:*         *Not I, believe me: you have dancing shoes*

*With nimble soles: I have a soul of lead*

*So stakes me to the ground I cannot move.*

Or this play on words: "Seven days without laughter makes one weak."

**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.

**ART IN THE CHURCH:** March 2 – April 16, There will be a retrospective of John Voth's work *Inner Beauty Of Wood Exposed* in the Sanctuary and Fireside. John is a long-time valued member of this community, contributing time and effort in many ways. Look up and see his handiwork: the coppers on the beams, with symbols on them.

**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! Sunday morning classes and childcare are provided 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 ages 3-12 proceed to the lower level of Hewett Centre for their classes:**     Chalice Children (age 3-6);

Origins & Journeys (ages 7-9)  
Sing to the Power (ages 10-12).

**Childcare is available** for children, up to age three, between 10:45 am and 12:30 pm in Servetus Room on the main floor of Hewett Centre opposite the library.

**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.**

**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.

**IT IS WITH SADNESS BUT ALSO HAPPINESS** for him that we pass on Hunter MacNiven's resignation as Congregational Administrator effective Friday, April 7. Hunter has given wonderful service and is moving on to a new challenge too good to miss. For applications or queries about the role of Congregational Administrator, please contact Keith Wilkinson, HR Chair by phone or text at 604-838-5643 or e-mail [keithwilkinsonconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:keithwilkinsonconsulting@gmail.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**APRIL 2 FORUM:** Aline LaFlamme is a Sun Dancer, pipe carrier, drummer, and Metis grandmother who teaches traditional Aboriginal culture. She has been doing on-the-land healing retreats including the sweat lodge and other ceremonies for more than 25 years. In her work, Aline brings a keen understanding of our human need to be spiritually and emotionally more connected with the Earth: our use of language in an industrial world has commodified our connections with the land, air, and water. During the forum, Aline will focus on how we can re-awaken our deep connection with Mother Earth and all things in creation.

**COMPUTUTOR:** Sunday April 2, 12 – 2 pm, Lindsey-Priestley room. Drop in with or without a laptop or smart phone. Some focus will be on privacy and privacy settings. Tech Resource – Paul Prescod. Questions: [RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca](mailto:RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca)

**APRIL 9 FORUM:** Forum, April 9. Mike Church on Site C. Professor Church, one of the world's best fluvial geomorphologists, has studied the Peace River for years. He is the author of many scientific articles and reports on the river and recently a book (*Regulation of Peace River: a case study for river management*, New York, Wylie, 2015). He has been a huge positive environmental influence in our province -- for example as a member of the advisory panel, struck after Clayoquot, that recommended the ecologically-based forestry now practiced in the Great Bear Rain Forest.

**NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION:** During the worship service on April 9, 2017 there will be a short recognition ceremony for those who have recently joined the UCV. We encourage all new members to attend. For further information contact Dianne Crosbie at [dcrosbie@uniserve.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com) or the church office at 604 261-7204.

**JOYCE GRIFFITHS MEMORIAL:** A memorial for Joyce Griffiths will be held here at UCV on Saturday, April 8, at 4 pm. Please join us for a light supper after the service. If you wish to bring baking, the family would be grateful.

**CAMERON REID MEMORIAL:** A memorial celebrating the life of Cameron Reid will take place in the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 9 at 1:30 pm. Cam's son Dash is in our children's RE program.

**EASTER DINNER AT UCV:** Join friends - and bring friends if you wish - to UCV for Easter Dinner on Sunday, April 16th, 6 pm. All ages welcome. RSVP appreciated to [ucvhygge@gmail.com](mailto:ucvhygge@gmail.com) so we can plan accordingly. If you can help set up or clean up--many hands make light work. From your Hygge team, Mary and Patti

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY BOOK GROUP:** Roseanne McNulty, forgotten centenarian, writes a chronicle that charts her path through the violent upheavals of Ireland's past century. Author Sebastian Barry makes enthrallingly beautiful prose out of the wreckage of these lives by allowing them to have the complication of actual history in all its messy elusiveness. His descriptions are lyrical, full of fresh, salty metaphors and images both barren and brimming with life. Join us to discuss *The Secret Scripture* on April 16, 12:30-2:00 pm in Lindsey-Priestley. All are welcome.

**ALL PARTIES FORUM: All Parties Election Forum on Environment and Social Justice Postponed to Wednesday, May 3, 7-9 pm at UCV.** Co-sponsored by the Social Justice and Environment Committees, Unitarian Church of Vancouver, and the Suzuki Elders of the David Suzuki Foundation, the forum will focus on Social Justice (ending poverty, welfare rates, child care, affordable housing); Environment/Sustainability (transportation, Deas Island Bridge); and Jobs and the Economy (Party plans for a clean green economy with sustainable long term employment). All welcome!

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Hi everyone, we are looking for coffee service volunteers for before and after the service. If you're new to UCV, it's a great way to meet everyone and make yourself at home! Please call Adele @ 604-603-8593.

**UCV CARE AND CONCERN COMMITTEE:** *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

**FINDING IT HARD TO MEET PEOPLE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS?** We know that coffee hour can be a little busy and noisy - and conversations may start but get interrupted. Your "Hygge" Team has lined up at least one potluck dinner for small groups in members' homes or at the church through to June. Please contact Mary at [ucvhygge@gmail.com](mailto:ucvhygge@gmail.com) to get details.

**SHARE YOUR STORY: A SERMON WRITING WORKSHOP:** Sat. May 27, 2017, 12:30 - 5:30 pm at UCV. Facilitated by Rev. Meg Roberts. Workshop cost also includes 1 follow-up group coaching session to help integrate learning. **Cost:** Early Bird special to April 30 is \$35. (May 1-18 is \$50). Maximum 24 participants so register early. For more information contact UCV Worship Committee chair Way Kent: [110395@telus.net](mailto:110395@telus.net) or phone the UCV office (604-261-7204) Early Bird Registration Deadline is April 30, final registration deadline is May 18.

# UCV Vision Taskforce--

(Léonie Armstrong [co-chair], Rev. Steven Epperson, Cole Harris, Kiersten Moore, Hanno Pinder, Jenny Podlecki, Paul Prescod [co-chair], Tamiko Suzuki)

The Vision Taskforce thanks the members of the congregation for the many ideas and suggestions they shared with us toward crafting the following proposed UCV Vision and Portrait Statements.

## *Proposed UCV Vision Statement*

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

## *UCV "Portrait" Statement*

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.

## *Next Steps*

A notice will be sent to all UCV members and adherents with an invitation to meet following the Easter Sunday worship service, April 16, 2017, for a vote on the proposed Vision Statement. If approved, a set of suggested action priorities based on the Vision statement will be presented to the congregation and the Board for review and a vote at our EGM in June.

## **OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**UNITARIAN FAMILY CAMP AT LAKE SASAMAT, JUNE 2–4:** Set in Port Moody's Belcarra Regional Park, the camp offers swimming, boating, hiking, climbing, children and youth programs, a choral workshop for youth/adults, campfires and other fun communal events. Heated cabins with electricity. Meals provided. Note: Children love this camp but you do not need to bring children in order to attend Family Camp! To see a fun video, go to Youtube and search for "Camp Sasamat hosted by Beacon Unitarian". For more information visit: <http://beaconunitarian.org/index.php/camp/>.

**VANCOUVER KIWANIS MUSIC FESTIVAL:** Calling all volunteers! The Vancouver Kiwanis Music Festival hosts its annual solo festival from April 10-29, with dates at Unitarian Church from April 10-22. The festival would not be able to succeed without the help of loyal volunteers, like you. No musical experience is necessary, just a friendly face and a willingness to help your local church and music community. All ages welcome. There are three ways to sign up to volunteer. Sign-up online at [vkmfestivals.org/donate](http://vkmfestivals.org/donate). E-mail [nina.horvath@vkmfestivals.org](mailto:nina.horvath@vkmfestivals.org) or Call Nina Horvath directly at [604-441-6741](tel:604-441-6741). We thank you in advance!

## ***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**

Catherine Stewart, Adele Cleverdon

#### **FLOWERS**

Chris Pearce

#### **LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL**

Jean Stanton, Randall MacKinnon

#### **LUNCH**

Partner Church

#### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

Marcus Hynes

#### **SOUND**

Rob Taylor

#### **GREETERS**

Ursula Litzcke, Denise Nereida, Melody Mason, Gerda Schulz

#### **WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE**

Eleanore Dunn

### **STAFF**

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Collene Harris

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Virginia Crabill, Robert Schultz

#### **UCV LAY CHAPLAINS**

Nan Gregory, Louise Bunn

### **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