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All My Relations – a First Nations’ Perspective on Wholeness

Sharon Jinkerson-Brass and Solomon Reece, Anishinabe and Tsimshian Nations; Glida and Jade Morgan, Tla’amin and Gitwankak Nations

– February 5, 2017 –

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

February 5, 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

A selection of West Coast welcome songs performed by *Glida and **Jade Morgan, Sharon Jinkerson-Brass and Solomon Reece

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours

Maggie de Vries

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Sharon Jinkerson-Brass

Opening Hymn #1051

We Are...

Story for all Ages

The First Storyteller

Sharon Jinkerson-Brass

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.*

The Gathering Song

Anishinabe Traditional
Glida and Jade Morgan

Meditation, spoken then silent

Sharon Jinkerson-Brass

Musical Response

The Grandmother Song

Helen and Larry Hanson
Coast Salish
Glida and Jade Morgan

Sermon

All My Relations
Sharon Jinkerson-Brass and Solomon Reece

Closing Song

The Women's Warrior Song Martina Pierre

The Lillooet Nation

Led by Glida and Jade Morgan

Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Sharon Jinkerson-Brass

Valediction

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

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*Glida Morgan, from the Tla'amin Nation, sings traditional music, is a Compass Chorus Singer and a member of the Good Noise Vancouver Gospel Choir.

**Glida's daughter, Jade Morgan, sings in a native group called Silver Harmony and with a band called Rez Warriors. Her traditional name is Eeyence, which means leaf in Shmalgyax, the language of the Gitksan Nation.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND (OOF)

QMUNITY has been selected as the next organization to receive funds from OOF as the four months of funding for Raven comes to an end. QMUNITY works to improve the lives of those in queer, trans and Two-Spirit communities. Through its programs, QMUNITY provides safer spaces for LGBTQ/2S people and their allies to fully self-express themselves while feeling welcome and included across British Columbia. Dr CJ Rowe, Executive Director of Qmunity, will give a short presentation at next Sunday's service (February 12) on the work of QMUNITY.

Next Sunday Service: February 12, 2017, 11 am

The Secret Life of Trees

Rev. Steven Epperson

Chalice Choir sings

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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FEBRUARY 5, 2017

WASSAIL! We invite you to join us after the service in the apple orchard for a Wassail toast and a song. Wassail! (“Your Health!”) –Kiersten and our RE volunteers.

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 and 12:30 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 Hitschmanova 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.

THE FOLLOWING ARE LIBRARY BOOKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SERMON TOPIC ON FEBRUARY 5:

Our Elders Speak - A Tribute to Native Elders by Karie Granier (970.2)

Askiwina: A Cree World by Doug Cuthand (971)

The Truth About Stories by Thomas King (819.09)

The Comeback - Aboriginal Peoples by John Raulston Saul (971)

Indian Horse Richard Wagamese (FIC WAG)

FORUM, FIRESIDE, 12:45 – 1:45 PM: *Talking Circle* with Sharon Jinkerson-Brass. Following the service on wholeness, Sharon Jinkerson-Brass will lead a talking circle. A talking circle is a ritual of inclusiveness and equality. Sharon encourages everyone to join the circle, even those who just want to listen.

COMPUTUTOR: Today, 12–2 pm in Biddle. Drop in and chat about computer issues and questions. If you wish, bring your laptop and/or smart phone.

Paul Prescod and Randall MacKinnon

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, FEB 1—28: On Sunday, February 5 at 12:30 pm in Lindsey-Priestley, Jackie Conradi-Robertson and Camille Mehta (mother and daughter artists) will give an arts talk about their work. They will show a few samples of their work, tour their art on display in the sanctuary and share their ideas about the inspiration for their art.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOW WE'RE CHANGING THE WORLD!

We raised money for the Survivors' Totem Pole, erected in Pigeon Park in November, 2016. <http://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/survivors-totem-pole-a-statement-of-reconciliation-and-healing-in-the-downtown-eastside-says-mayor>

SACRED CIRCLE DANCING: Tuesday, Feb. 7. Celebrate Brigid's Day and the turning from winter to spring. All dances are taught before dancing. No experience or partners needed. Special treat: Nan Gregory will tell her Brigid story. RSVP or more info contact Mary Bennett at circle-dance@vancouverunitarians.ca

THINKING OF JOINING A COVENANT GROUP? One meets every fourth Sunday of the month in Hewett Centre and currently has two openings. To find out more, email notrehta@gmail.com or phone 604-682-2557. —*George Atherton*

MESSY CHURCH + MAKE DINNER is this Friday, February 10th. 5 pm cooking, 6-9 pm feasting together. All members and friends of all ages are welcome to this community building event. Come early to help cook, come when you can to share and connect. We will have card making materials available for sharing our love and creativity with family, friends, and the Islamic Cultural Center in Quebec City for the grieving families there. Bring your favorite game to play after dinner.

LET IT BE A DANCE! DANCING THE LIVING TRADITION: A choreography workshop with Corinne Chepil. Corinne, an experienced dancer, dance teacher and choreographer who has facilitated circle dance at UCV for over a decade will teach some basic choreography skills and we will collaboratively create circle dances for some of our favorite Unitarian songs. Sunday, Feb 12, 2—5 pm, Hall. Register and more details at: <https://choreography-workshop.eventbrite.ca>
Contact: Mary Bennett maryinvancouver@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 12 FORUM: *The George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project* with Andrew Martin and Peter Lipscombe. A ten-lane mega-bridge will soon replace the Massey Tunnel despite opposition from twenty-three of the twenty-four local authorities in Metro Vancouver. The provincial government announced that construction will begin before the upcoming May election. Why insist on a bridge that conflicts with our existing Regional Plan? Why refuse to provide any studies or planning documents to support the decision? Andrew and Peter are Master's students and research assistants in the UBC School of Community and Regional Planning with a very interesting story to share. Sponsor: Social Justice Committee

FAMILY DAY CIRCLE DANCE, *FAMILY LOVE*: We'll dance heart and love-themed dances in honour of our family, our loved ones. Optional Dress: You may choose to dress in Valentine's Day colours of red, purple and pink and bring extras to lend. Mon., February 13 in the Hall, 7—9 pm, by donation. Facilitator: Corinne Chepil.

HYGGE FOR YOU! Patti Turner and Mary Bennett have picked up the organizing of circle dinners - rebranded to "Hygge" dinners. Hygge is a Danish word meaning cozy and we'd like to encourage more hygge! Usually in people's homes with 6-8 other people. Contact ucvhygge@gmail.com if you can host (you provide the space but don't cook--your guests bring all the food!) For this first one for 2017, we'll have a potluck at UCV February 18, 6—8:30 pm. Please RSVP. <https://hygge-feb.eventbrite.ca> or to Mary or Patti.

THE UCV THIRD SUNDAY BOOK GROUP will meet Sunday, Feb. 19, from 12:30—2 pm in Hewett Centre, Lindsey-Priestley Room. The book to be discussed is *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. This children's book explores the concepts of dreams, magic, mystery, love and belonging using a playful approach to words. Everyone is welcome.

EASTER CHOCOLATE: Buy Purdy's chocolate at regular prices and 25% will go to UCV to support the labyrinth fund. Contact Mary Bennett for catalogue. or go here to order online: <https://www.purdysgpp.com/join/35958> The chocolate will be delivered to UCV and I'll have it available for pick up either Sunday April 2 or 9. Contact maryinvancouver@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

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

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

Adele Cleverdon, Catherine Stewart

FLOWERS

Chris Pearce

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Jean Stanton, Randall MacKinnon

LUNCH

No lunch

ORDER OF SERVICE

Hunter MacNiven

SOUND

Rob Taylor

GREETERS

Ursula Litzcke, Denise Nereida, Melody Mason, Gerda Schulz

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Dianne Crosbie, Wendy Bryan

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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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