

COYOTE & RAVEN



Foolish Wisdom: Tricksters, Unitarians, and the Sacred Messiness of Change

Léonie Armstrong

– July 16, 2017 –

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

July 16, 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

Prelude in E Major

J.S. Bach

Improvisation

Sinfonia in Three Parts

J.S. Bach

Piano: Eric Wyness*

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours

David Macdonald

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Invention by Shel Silverstein

Read by David Macdonald

Opening Hymn #19

The Sun That Shines

Bridging Ceremony

Sera Upsdell-Reddekopp and Jenny Tang**

Please refer to the lyrics and litany on the following page

Story for all Ages

It Could Always Be Worse

By Margot Zemach, read by Léonie Armstrong***

Children's Recessional

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the spirit of love surround you, everywhere, everywhere you may go

Welcome and Announcements

Julia Myers

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns

Julia Myers

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

Sarabande

J.S. Bach

Meditation/Prayer

Tongue in Cheek, If Not Tongue in Check by Marie Annhart Baker

Read by Léonie Armstrong

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Closing Hymn #1023*Building Bridges***Closing Words / Extinguishing the Chalice
Flame**

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

* 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*.

**** Bridging Ceremony**

Jenny has been a part of our youth group for a few years now, and her presence has been felt by everyone involved. Jenny's commitment and dedication means she always shows up when we need her, but more than that, her enthusiasm, curiosity, and intelligence mean we treasure our time with her each week. In the fall, she will be attending Wellesley College in Massachusetts, where we are sure she will find excellent UU community.

Sera somehow snuck into youth group when she was 12, but with her inquiring mind and intuitive intelligence, no one minded one bit. She is currently our only youth group member to have attended regularly for her full high school career, and we are so honoured to have shared this space with her. Over the summer, she will be embarking on her next great adventure: moving to the Okanagan with her family.

Phoenix Chant

We are rising up

Like a Phoenix from the fire

So, siblings in spirit

Spread your wings and fly higher

Litany

Congregation: Sera and Jenny, we hope that you will remember this day. What we wish, is that you will know and recognize that you have walked a bridge in the presence of a community that cares for you, a congregation that rejoices in your growth and coming to adulthood. We pray that you will continue to walk one bridge after another in your lives with our sincere blessings.

All: May all of us be mindful of the bridges that present themselves in our lives; may they inspire that strange excitement, that invitation that all bridges embody; and may we step confidently upon them with hope and joy, and cross to the other side, again and again. May we grow in mind, body, spirit, and integrity. To this end may our hearts and actions be turned. So be it.

*** Léonie Armstrong is an actor, writer, college student and life-long Unitarian. Originally from Victoria BC, and the traditional territory of the Leqwungen Nation, she spent two years in Los Angeles, traditional Tongva/Kizh territory, and has been living in Vancouver Musqueam territory for the past seven years. Raven and Coyote wandered into her life years ago, and never quite left again.

Next Sunday Service: July 23, 2017, 11 am

Degrees of Freedom

Bryan Gick

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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JULY 16, 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.

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 five 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 adult family members through the service if they prefer.

Please meet your child downstairs or in the garden after the service: children under age 9 will remain with the Guides 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.

TODAY IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM: Come and see the new Vancouver Unitarians website. Mary Bennett will share with you some of the features you'll likely use more often and then provide some suggestions for how your committee or group may want to add information and images to promote your activities. 12:30-1:30 pm.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

UCV EVENTS LISTINGS FOR JULY are available for pickup today at the welcome table. Friendly reminder: Mary Bennett and Margo Elfert compile the UCV Events publication monthly. Events must have a scheduled date in that month. For July and August, we are doing a one-pager with just worship services and the calendar. The deadline for submissions is the 18th of the previous month. Please contact ucvevents@gmail.com with your listing information. Thank you!

NEW UCV WEBSITE: Check our worship service information on our new website! On the Home page, the next service is featured as the first thing you see. Underneath, you'll find a button for "Upcoming Services" where the upcoming month's services are listed and one for "Past Services" where you can find descriptions (and in some cases, the order of service, print and/or audio file of that service.) We have also added a "**Holidays and Traditions**" page describing some of the special services that are done through the year.

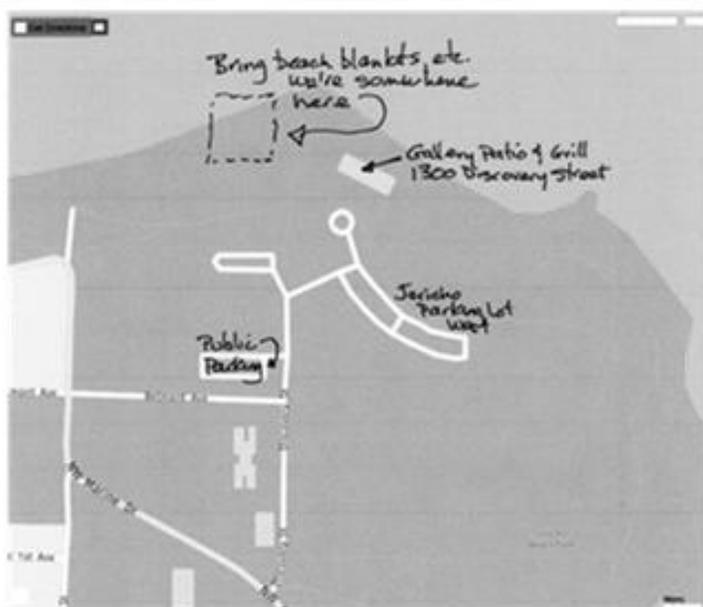
HYGGE GARDEN PARTY & POTLUCK DINNER AT UCV: July 25 at 6 pm. Come and enjoy "stone soup and stone salad" with some Unitarian friends. We'll have a giant pot of soup and a bowl of salad ready for your additions (and we'll forage on the church grounds for more additions!) Or bring appetizer, bread or dessert to share. RSVP appreciated ucvhygge@gmail.com. August Hygge dinner is full. We're looking for hosts for September-November.

NEW ART EXHIBITION: July 5 – August 1, 2017 – Derek Lamarque: "*Through My Eyes*". Derek is exhibiting digital art prints and linocuts inspired by the environment, colour abstraction and interesting images. He enjoys drawing and has done courses in etching, linocuts and mono-printing. He was born in KwaZulu, South Africa, and studied graphic design for 3 years in art school. He has had a long career as Senior Art Director in Zimbabwe, South Africa, Canada and the US.

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The children's program is still in need of volunteer guides to engage any children ages 5 and up in gardening, art, and games for the following dates: **July 30th**

(leader and assistant); August 13th, 20th, and 27th (assistants needed); September 3rd assistant needed. Please contact **Kiersten Moore** at dre@vancouverunitarians.ca if you can help. **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).

MOVEABLE FEAST FOR JULY: Saturday, July 28, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Location: Jericho Beach at the foot of Discovery Street. Food is available at the Galley Patio & Grill. RSVP: Dianne Crosbie dcrosbie@uniserve.com



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, katherinekrobback@gmail.com, 604-872-0426.

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.

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.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHS & LOWS CHOIR CONCERT: July 22, 2017 – Join Ross Douglas, Elisa Thorn, Silk Road, Quatro and the Highs & Lows Choir in an evening of music, and an art auction to raise money for the Highs & Lows, a low-barrier choir for people with mental health concerns. 7:30 pm at Grace Memorial United Church, 803 East 16th Ave. Admission is \$20 at the door, or whatever you can pay. Have any art pieces to donate? Contact Catherine Hembling at 604-321-5144 or by email at cathh1@gmail.com.

EXPLORING CANADIAN RESILIENCE - *Sharing Our Journey Through Story and Song*: Sunday, July 23. Join the Multifaith Action Society (UCV tenants since 2013), Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara, and the Naad Foundation on an uplifting participatory journey as we gather together to honour over 150 years of rich spiritual diversity through story and song. Program begins at 5:30 pm, or arrive early for Langar (the vegetarian Sikh communal meal) at 4 pm. Admission is free and all are welcome. For more information or to pre-register, visit www.multifaithaction.org.



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.

FREE INTRODUCTORY EVENING: Bring your family and friends July 19, 7 – 9 pm at the Canadian Memorial Centre for Peace, 1825 W 16th Ave with Shindo Healer & Meditation Teacher, Jose Antonio Manchado. Google **Vancouver-Tibetan-Healing-Meetup** for workshop details. For registration and additional information on this and other workshops, email madymooney@gmail.com

We always welcome feedback on our worship services:

worship@vancouverunitarians.ca, Sincerely, UCV Worship Services Committee

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.

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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.