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The Paradox of “Civilization” and Liberation

Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson

– June 11, 2017 –

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

June 4, 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

Indigenous Chants

Daughters of the Drum*

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours

Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Rev. Steven Epperson

Opening Hymn #347

Gather the Spirit

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.*

He Hana Ho Ho (Dene Chant) Daughters of the Drum

Meditation

Prayer Chant

Daughters of the Drum

Sermon

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Closing Hymn #1068

Rising Green

Closing Words

Rev. Steven Epperson

Valediction

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.
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*The Daughters of the Drum was founded by Aline LaFlamme to support Indigenous women in the Downtown Eastside reclaim their lives and find their voices through the cultural practice of drumming and singing (the group includes some non-Indigenous women as well). They meet regularly and perform at a variety of events and can be contacted by email through alinelafamme1@gmail.com. We are very happy that they have joined us here this morning.

Elliott

Next Sunday Service: June 18, 2017, 11 am

How Nature and Nurture Have Helped Men Be Better Fathers

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 & strollers*

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JUNE 11, 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! 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.

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. *Poetry for Night Vision*. Christopher Levenson, a new member of UCV, will speak about and read from his book of poetry published in 2014 called *Night Vision*. The title refers firstly to the night vision goggles that enable soldiers to see through the darkness in order to destroy and kill, and secondly to a vision of the political and ecological night that threatens humankind. It also refers to the faint possibility, grounded in personal relationships and cultural values, that we will see through and somehow transcend this night. Christopher has published twelve books of poetry including the recently published *A Tattered Coat Upon a Stick*. Sponsor: Arts & Culture Forum (Mary Bennett maryinvancouver@gmail.com)

YOUR OPEN HEARTS CAN OPEN DOORS: The UCV Library is open before Sunday worship services and after worship until 1 pm. Booklovers who might enjoy greeting and serving fellow Unitarians in the Library are welcome as volunteers. Open others' eyes to the wealth of knowledge on our shelves.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

UCV Extraordinary General Meeting June 25, 2017, 12:45 – 2 pm

NOTICE of the UCV Extraordinary General meeting (EGM). Agenda items include the budget for 2017/18, our new UCV Vision statement, updates on redevelopment discussions, and renewal of lay chaplains. Full agenda will be sent by email in mid-June. Paper copies of the agenda, proxy voting cards, and documents will be available in the office.

From the UCV Vision Taskforce:

UCV Vision Statement

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.

On April 16, UCV members informally voted overwhelmingly in favour of the proposed Vision and Living Our Vision statements. On June 25 at the Extraordinary General Meeting, we will be voting to formally accept the UCV Vision and Living Our Vision statements. The Vision Taskforce will also present to the Board and UCV members significant priorities arising from these statements.

THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM NEEDS YOU! Do you enjoy spending time with children? Exploring Unitarian values and actions from a new perspective? Do you value patience, curiosity, joy, and kindness? Do you want to see more families make UCV their spiritual home? Kiersten is putting together two teaching teams (grades 1-3 and 4-6), and a preschool assistant team for NEXT year. Each team member would pair up for a total of 10 Sunday classes and 1 Special Event between September and June. Subjects include Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation, OWL gr 4-6, Principles Guiding Action, Connection with Nature and Mindfulness. Teacher Training and Retreat (FUN!) to be offered in August. Contact Kiersten by email or in person: dre@vancouverunitarians.ca
SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Children's Program needs volunteers for July and August Sundays to be a Family Guide—to greet and welcome families and to engage any children over age 4 in either gardening, art, games, or any combination thereof. Please find the sign-up sheet circulating in the sanctuary—or after the service in Hewett Hall.

SFU PHILOSOPHERS' CAFÉ AT UCV: Our Board and SFU have agreed to change the Philosophers' Cafe time to the first Thursday morning at 10:30 am from September 2017 to June 2018. I am finalizing topics for the fall and welcome suggestions. Topics related to "day timers" who would like to attend are particularly welcome. Catch me after service, by email at RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca or by phone at 604-263-4332. **NOTE** - the last Friday evening Philosophers' Café will be held on June 30th at 7 pm.

POTLUCK PICNIC ON THE LABYRINTH: Monday, June 12, 6 – 7 pm. Find out what's planted there and how you can help tend it (optional) – *Mary for Circle Dance*

THE UCV BOOK CLUB will meet on June 18 at 12:30 pm in Hewett Centre to read *Sarah Thornhill* by Kate Grenville. This is the last book in a trilogy but it is also to be enjoyed as a stand-alone book. Please join us!

THE JUNE 18 FORUM will be a presentation and discussion about the findings of the feasibility study into the possible redevelopment of church lands and buildings. The committee is nearing completion of the first phase of its work and will soon be reporting to the Board. This Forum will review options and respond to questions and suggestions made at the last Forum and raised by the advisory group. *Michael Clague and Gordon Gram*

NORTHWEST WILDERNESS SOCIETY: Are you starting to think about making plans for those delicious lazy summer holidays!?! Do you dream of the tranquility of a fresh water lake amidst an informal community of fellow nature worshippers? Do you yearn to experience the simple things in life with your family or friends? Come to Wilderness anytime between July 1 and August 31. For more information, please check the website www.kootenaywildernesscamping.org, or email info@kootenaywildernesscamping.org, or phone Mary at 604-435-9265. Brochures are available in Hewett Centre (under the Unitarian Camps area).

NEXT MOVEABLE FEAST: Saturday, June 24 at 6 pm.
Location: Mahoney & Sons Irish Pub, 601 Stamps Landing (False Creek). RSVP to secure your place at the table! Dianne Crosbie dcrosbie@uniserve.com or Karen Bartlett: karen.bartlett@ubc.ca



HYGGE DINNERS: The Saturday, June 17 Hygge dinner in Kerrisdale is now full. Your next available chance for a little hygge is in Kits on Thursday, June 29th. Details and register here: <https://june-hygge-kits.eventbrite.ca>. We're looking for hosts for July and August. If you have a deck, would you host a BBQ? If you live near a park or beach, would you coordinate a picnic? As host you provide the space. Your guests bring all the food. Mary helps to organize the list of guests and what they're bringing. Your Hygge Team is Patti Turner and Mary Bennett: ucvhygge@gmail.com

UCV'S NEW COMING OF AGE PROGRAM! Next year UCV will be running a Coming of Age mentorship program for children and youth age 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).

HOW WE'RE CHANGING THE WORLD!

The Refugee Committee helped to reunite a son and his parents, sponsored separately, who hadn't seen each other for eight years.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: The Overdose Prevention Society (OPS) has been selected as the next organization to receive funds from OOF as the four months of funding for Qmunity comes to an end. 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.

ART EXHIBITION: “WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE”: Presented by the Vancouver Sketch Club. We have chosen the theme to reflect on how precious this resource is. Water slakes thirst, nurtures, replenishes. Water can be churned into a storm, harnessed for energy or allowed to float placidly. Flora and fauna need water for survival and enhancement. Water can also be destroyed by careless action. We have a varied selection of paintings which represent this life force.

Paintings are for sale – if you see a painting you would like to purchase, please contact the artist directly or at the following email: vansketchclub@gmail.com. For more information about the club, visit our website at www.myartclub.com/the.vancouver.sketch.club.

AIR TRAVEL HAS MORE CLIMATE IMPACT THAN ANY OTHER FORM OF TRAVEL: Donate to the UCV Green Fund to offset your trip's carbon emissions. Calculate Co2 emissions at <http://www.carbonzero.ca/calculate>



OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

EXPLORING CANADIAN RESILIENCY - *Sharing Our Journey Through Story and Song*: Saturday, July 23, 5 – 7:30 pm. Join the Multifaith Action Society (UCV tenants), 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. Arrive early to share in Langar, the traditional vegetarian Sikh communal meal. Then lend your voice to a chorus of celebration, integrating teachings from a wide range of spiritual traditions, starting with the teachings of our indigenous people. Admission is free and all are welcome. For more information or to pre-register, visit www.multifaithaction.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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Ann Foster, Ann Megumi Anderson

FLOWERS

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Marcus Hynes

SOUND

Galen Elfert

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Margo Elfert, Sakura Nandana, Setty Pendakaur, Penny Pearson

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

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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