



*The Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana (far right) with his congregation in 2012  
Photo: Eric Cherry*

## ***The Power of Partnership: Amplifying the Unitarian Voice***

Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana

– June 4, 2017 –



## Closing Hymn #159

*This Is My Song*

## Closing Words

Rev. Steven Epperson

## Valediction

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

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

\* Lazare was sponsored here in 2002 by our refugee committee and has played many times for us. He came from Togo, West Africa. Lazare became interested in music after going blind at the age of nine. He performs with the Lazare Halk Band at many events and festivals. He is joined today by his wife, Dope, and we are pleased to have them both here. Elliott

\*\* Please join us in singing the chorus!

Come join with me in the circle of song  
The young and the old, the weak and the strong  
Singing with one voice though we may speak different tongues  
In the circle of song we are one

Viens avec moi, dans ce cercle d'amis  
Où jeunes et moins jeunes, où grands et petits  
Chantent d'une seule voix, à travers leurs différences  
Dans ce cercle d'amis, tous unis

## Next Sunday Service: June 11, 2017, 11 am *The Paradox of "Civilization" and Liberation*

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

To subscribe to the email version of the *UCV Events & Order of Service* write:  
*ucvevents@gmail.com* Please include your name.

## **JUNE 4, 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](mailto:victoriaoginski@gmail.com).

**COMPUTUTOR:** 12 – 2 pm, Lindsey Priestley Room. Drop in with or without a laptop or smart phone along with your questions and ideas. Tech Resource – Paul Prescod. Questions: [RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca](mailto:RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca)

**TODAY'S FORUM:** 12:45 pm, Fireside Room. Sponsored by the Environment Committee: "*Where are we in renewable energy development in BC? How do we act locally on this?*" Speakers: Bryan MacLeod of Clean Energy BC (CEBC) and Jonathan Ho of BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA). Q and A to follow. CEBC represents the majority of the clean energy operations and development companies in the province. BCSEA works with citizens, small businesses, community and the public sector on building awareness and advocating for greater use of sustainable energy and improved practices.

**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**

### **HOW WE'RE CHANGING THE WORLD!**

Donations to the Green Fund that were specified as carbon offsets for flying since July 1, 2016 have amounted to \$362.

## 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.

**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](mailto: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.

**PERETZ CONCERT PRESENTATION:** The remarkable story of one choir member's family's journey to survival during the war, with musical interludes in Yiddish, Hebrew and English. Ask me for more details. It is a riveting tale and an amazing true story. We did a shorter version of it years ago and I wished more people had heard it. June 4 at 2 pm. 6184 Ash Street. *Elliott*

**POTLUCK AND DISCUSSION WITH FULGENCE NDAGIJIMANA:** Monday, June 5, 5:30 pm in the Hewett Centre. Everyone is welcome. RSVP Mary Lage: [mlage@shaw.ca](mailto:mlage@shaw.ca) or Alison Pearson: [asp2432@gmail.com](mailto:asp2432@gmail.com).

**SACRED CIRCLE DANCE:** Tuesday, June 6, 7 – 9 pm. Barbara Herring, the "grandmother" of circle dance groups in Ontario and key person in connecting circle dance groups across Canada, is in town and will be facilitating our Tuesday night group. The evening circles usually go on hiatus in July and August, so this and next week's (Monday, June 11) are your last chance for a while. Mary Bennett, Mairy Beam - no need to RSVP - just drop by. [maryinvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:maryinvancouver@gmail.com) / [mairyebesbea@gmail.com](mailto:mairyebesbea@gmail.com)

**LAST MESSY CHURCH BEFORE SEPTEMBER:** June 9, 5 – 9 pm. Welcome to Summer cook-out is this month's theme. We are in need of portable outdoor BBQ's and open sided shade canopies. Camp games and fun for all ages. Bring something to throw on the grill, or a side to share. We will throw together some potato salad and have corn to roast as well! Join us at 5 pm to cook, or bring a potluck dish to share and connect at 6 pm. Suggested donations towards cost are \$5 adult/\$3 child.

**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 a stand-alone book to be enjoyed. Please join us!

**THE UCV REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** and Catalyst Community Developments held a meeting on May 30. The Committee will put up a feedback and information board in Hewett Hall soon, and there will be a UCV redevelopment forum held on June 18. If you wish to be placed on the email listserve for updates on this topic, or submit your thoughts, please email Michael Clague, [mclague@telus.net](mailto:mclague@telus.net)

**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](http://www.kootenaywildernesscamping.org), or email [info@kootenaywildernesscamping.org](mailto:info@kootenaywildernesscamping.org), or phone Mary at 604-435-9265. Brochures are available in Hewett Centre (under the Unitarian Camps area).

**NEW UU PRINCIPLES & SOURCES GROUP:** A new group looking at how we incorporate UU Principles and Sources into our daily being is starting to form. If you're interested, please meet on Thursday, June 8, in the Fireside Room, 7 – 8:30 pm. You can contact Arlene Fox/Drew Lemen.

**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](mailto:ucvhygge@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com) or Karen Bartlett: [karen.bartlett@ubc.ca](mailto:karen.bartlett@ubc.ca)



**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](mailto:oliviahmargaret@gmail.com)) and Kiersten Moore ([dre@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:dre@vancouverunitarians.ca)).

**UNSUNG HERO AWARD:** Each year, the UCV Board of Trustees invites members of the congregation to nominate UCV members for the *Unsung Hero Award*. The board may select up to two recipients from among the nominees and present the award on the last Sunday of the church year (June 25). Send your nominations by June 6 to [info@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:info@vancouverunitarians.ca) or leave a message on Rev. Epperson's phone: 604-261-7204, ext. 223.

**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. Sarah Blyth, who heads up OPS and is a recent recipient of BCCLA's Jennifer Prosser Wade Award for Courage, will give a short presentation on OPS at the service this Sunday, June 4.

**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](mailto:vansketchclub@gmail.com). For more information about the club, visit our website at [www.myartclub.com/the.vancouver.sketch.club](http://www.myartclub.com/the.vancouver.sketch.club).

## **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](mailto:Eliotregistrar@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.eliotinstitute.org](http://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. The evening will explore where we have come from, what have we gone through, and where we want to go next. Admission is free and all are welcome. Event will be held at Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara, 8115 132 Street, Surrey, BC. Pre-registration at [www.multifaithaction.org](http://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**

#### **COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS**

Catherine Stewart, Adele Cleverdon

#### **FLOWERS**

Laureen Stokes

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

Jean Stanton, Randall MacKinnon

#### **LUNCH**

Yogurt Parfait Buffet

#### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

Marcus Hynes

#### **SOUND**

Rob Taylor

#### **GREETERS**

Ursula Litzcke, Denise Nereida, Melody Mason, Gerda Schulz

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

Eleanore Dunn

### **STAFF**

#### **PARISH MINISTER**

Rev. Steven Epperson

#### **COMMUNITY MINISTER**

Rev. Laura Imayoshi

#### **DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Kiersten Moore

#### **CHOIR DIRECTOR**

Donna Brown

#### **MUSIC ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER**

Elliott Dainow

#### **CASUAL CARETAKERS**

James Wilson, Mark Klassen, Ben Yeung

Paul Nash, Matt Yeung, Igor Santizo

#### **CONGREGATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR**

Aurora Eyolfson

#### **OFFICE ASSISTANT**

Marcus Hynes

#### **BOOKKEEPER**

Collene Harris

#### **SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS**

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*