



image credit: artist's depiction of the wizard Ged's boat **Lookfar** from Ursula LeGuin's *The Wizard of Earthsea*

“Where There is no Vision, the People Perish”

Rev. Steven Epperson

– March 19, 2017 –

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

March 19, 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

Hymn Medley

arr. E. Dainow

Keepers of the Earth

Joyce Poley

performed by E. Dainow

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours

Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Opening Hymn #131

Love will Guide Us

Story for all Ages

read by Rev. Steven Epperson

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

Welcome and Announcements

Huguette Hayden

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns

Huguette Hayden

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

Spring Song

Felix Mendelssohn

E. Dainow, piano

Meditation, spoken then silent

Rev. Steven Epperson

Musical Response

*My Life Flows On** Quaker trad.
performed by E. Dainow

Sermon

Where There is No Vision, the People Perish

Rev. Steven Epperson

Closing Hymn #298

Wake, Now, My Senses

Valediction *Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.
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* This is a slightly different version than Hymn #108 in our hymnal: I transcribed a cassette recording of Pete Seeger singing this song using his unusual rhythms. I then made a piano part with an original descant (in the piano part) in the last verse. –*E. Dainow*



June 2016

Next Sunday Service: March 26, 2017, 11 am

Living through Unitarian Change

Rev. Phillip Hewett

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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**SING TO THE POWER OF GIVING!
OUR 2017 PLEDGE CANVASS IS ALMOST HERE**



SAVE POSTAGE

Please come and pick up your pledge letter in Hewett Centre after the service today and on Sunday March 26th. Kick off is on April 2nd.

Liz Monrad and Lynn Armstrong

TODAY'S FORUM IN THE SANCTUARY AT 12:30 PM is sponsored by the UCV Redevelopment Planning Committee. The committee and consultant Robert Brown will report on progress made in setting out the Project Vision. Many ideas have evolved in the past few weeks, so come to the Forum and hear how these ideas have been prioritized as important guidelines for the first draft of the Project Mission. Your questions, comments and input will be much appreciated by the committee. –*Michael Clague and Gordon Gram, Committee CoChairs*

NEW MEMBERS BREAKFAST: Prior to today's service, there will be a breakfast at 9:30 am in the Fireside room for those who are interested in becoming members of UCV. This is for anyone who has attended "New U in a Day". Various committee chairs will be present to provide information on the many activities going on in the church. For those who are ready to sign the membership book, Rev. Steven Epperson will witness your signature.

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 3, 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.

LOVE SOUP IS TODAY! Please join us in our very friendly dining room in the Hewett Centre for a lovely lunch. Enjoy conversation while eating our delicious and nutritious hot soup, fresh salad, yummy dessert and tasty Terra bread! Your valuable help in every size and shape are always appreciated!

BOOK BASH!

Join us **TODAY** from 9 am to 1 pm
for the Book Bash in Hewett Hall.

Books \$1, \$2, \$3

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.

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE is meeting today in Biddle at 12:30 pm. Interested or curious to hear what is going on? Come by and check out what we are doing within the church, around town, and beyond!

THE UCV THIRD SUNDAY BOOK GROUP meets TODAY at 12:30 pm in the Lindsey-Priestley Room, Hewett Centre to discuss *The Heaviness of Things that Float* by Jennifer Manuel. This novel depicts the world of Bernadette, a nurse who has lived on the periphery of a remote coastal reserve for 40 years, and explores the experience of an outsider on a reserve. Everyone 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOW WE'RE CHANGING THE WORLD!

The Environment Ctte launched and operating the Oak Street Farmers' Market (OSFM) from 2011—2015 as the only all-organic farmers' market in greater Vancouver.

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.

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 Adel @ 604-603-8593.

HUMBLE HAWKER OF HOMILIES AND SERMONS needed one hour per month. Easy working conditions. See Lit Stall staff or inquire at the UCV Library. (Less humble applicants also considered: we're an EOE.)

CYRE SEEKING COMING OF AGE MENTORS: Plans are underway for a Coming of Age program open to all youth grades 7-9 for the fall of 2017. It's been awhile since UCV has run a Coming of Age (COA) program and we have nine potential participants within our congregation. The purpose is to commemorate the transition from childhood to young adulthood, to uplift and support the formation of identity, and to foster self-awareness and confidence. The year includes pairing youth with mentors within our congregation, a variety of retreats/workshops throughout the year, and Sunday morning exploration. Mentorship is a key element of the program and has the potential to form meaningful inter-generational relationship and understanding; the rewards go both ways. **If you feel called to put forward your name as a potential mentor** please talk to Kiersten Moore or Olivia Hall after the service or by email: dre@vancouverunitarians.ca

MYSTERY PALS: Make a friend from another generation! Mystery Pals is a program to match youth and adults of all ages so that we, as a congregation, can make connections, learn more about each other, and support inter-generational community. Anyone is eligible to participate as long as you: are over the age of 4, can commit to delivering letters starting April 30th, and can attend the May 28th Mystery Pal reveal celebration breakfast (before the service). Sign-ups begin this Sunday, March 19th. Sign-up forms are at both the greeter and welcome tables, find Kiersten after service with any questions or email: dre@vancouverunitarians.ca

ARTS CTTE MEETING: 10:30 am, in Lindsey/Priestley on March 26. All Welcome.

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>



SFU PHILOSOPHERS' CAFÉ: Fri, Mar. 31 (Last Friday), 7–9 pm in the Fireside Room. *Do Cherry Blossoms Reawaken the Spirit?* What can be conveyed in a cherry blossom poem? What are a few of your favourite things? *Co-sponsored by SFU and the Unitarian Church of Vancouver.* Admission – Free. Moderator RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca

OUR OWN CLARENCE "MR. SHARP" PHELPS will be home-bound for a lengthy period awaiting surgery, but he welcomes visitors. He's great at games [Just ask him why I call it "Unlucky Sevens"!] and he'd appreciate a call first, at 604-321-7899.

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 to get details. The next one is hosted by Lynn Armstrong on a floating home in Ladner on Saturday, April 15th. RSVP to ucvhygge@gmail.com

EASTER DINNER AT UCV: Join friends - and bring friends if you wish - to UCV for Easter Dinner on Sunday, April 16th, 6pm. All ages welcome. RSVP appreciated to 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

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.

MARCH MOVABLE FEAST WILL BE: Saturday, March 25 at 6:00 pm.
Athene's Greek Restaurant, 3618 West Broadway, Vancouver (near Alma).
RSVP: Karen Bartlett or Dianne Crosbie, Karen.bartlett@ubc.ca or dcrosbie@uniserve.com

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/>.

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	Liz Monrad, Eric Chen
FLOWERS	Diane Donaldson
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL	Frances Anderson, Laura Gerken, David Buchanan
LUNCH	Love Soup
ORDER OF SERVICE	Hunter MacNiven
SOUND	Kaelyn Elfert
GREETERS	Jane Sutherland, Shirley McLeod, Carolyn Grant, Denise Nereida
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Geoff Rempel, Karin Hall

STAFF

PARISH MINISTER	Rev. Steven Epperson
COMMUNITY MINISTER	Rev. Laura Imayoshi
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Kiersten Moore
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CONGREGATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR	Hunter MacNiven
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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

The UCV campus is a Smoke-Free Environment

SPECIAL APRIL 1ST ADULT RE WORKSHOP

*How to Sit for 12 Hours Straight!
Or What You Need to Know to Sit Comfortably.*

Instructor: Janet Willson

Fireside Room

Saturday, April 1, 2017 9:00 am-1pm

(Come dressed in loose, soft clothing)

Suggested workshop donation: \$60 (or pay what you can).

The first \$300.00 collected will be donated to UCV.



In this movement workshop you will learn the fundamentals of finding support through your skeleton as well as freedom of the shoulder girdle and spine to reach and twist so that you can get up from sitting without stiffness and discomfort.

This workshop will be conducted in the sitting position and will not include movements on the floor.

(Janet Willson has been a Guild Certified Feldenkrais Method practitioner since 1991. She is on a mission to share how moving with ease not only makes your body more comfortable but creates a greater freedom within your whole self!)

To register or ask questions contact Janet

Email: jlw6376@telus.net or phone 778-688-2570.



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.

