



Floral Still Life, Arnold Shives

Mother's Day / Flower Communion

Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson

– May 14, 2017 –

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

May 14, 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

Chovendo Na Roseira

Antonio Carlos Jobim

Mother Earth & Father Time

Robert and Richard Sherron

It Felt Love

Sarah Kennedy/Hafiz (from 'The Gift')

Love

Floyd Huddleston and George Burns

Performed by Sarah Kennedy and Nicholas Peck*

Invocation

Spirit of Life

C. McDade

with the Chalice Choir

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Rev. Steven Epperson

Opening Hymn #357

Bright Morning Star

Story for all Ages

read by Rev. Steven Epperson

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

Welcome and Announcements

Cindy Cashin

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns

Cindy Cashin

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

How Deep is the Ocean

Irving Berlin

Performed by Sarah Kennedy and Nicholas Peck

Meditation, spoken then silent

Rev. Steven Epperson

Musical Response

*Erev Shel Shoshanim***

M. Dor & J. Hadar
With the Chalice Choir

Homily

Good Enough Mothers
Rev. Steven Epperson

Flower Communion and Prayer

(from words by Norbert Capek)

SE: In the name of that which plants in the seed the future of the flower and in our hearts the longing for people to live in harmony

Congregation: *In the name of the sages, the wise and noble women and men who lived their lives in order to hasten the coming of justice and peace – let us renew our resolution, sincerely, to be brothers and sisters.*

SE: In this our holy resolve, may we be strengthened in the spirit of affection and fellowship so that...

All: *TOGETHER, may we endeavour to achieve a more just and joyful life.*

Closing Hymn #1051

We Are...

Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

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.

* Sarah Kennedy can be found around town at venues such as Frankie's Jazz Club and Pat's Pub and Brewhouse. Her recent projects have included a Blossom Dearie Tribute show and composition of her own music using the poetry of Sufi master Hafiz(www.sarahkennedymusic.com). She is also the lead vocalist of "The Colorifics"(www.thecolorifics.ca). Sarah is accompanied by Nicholas Peck on piano. Originally from England, Nick moved to Vancouver in 2013 and has quickly earned himself a reputation as one of the most accomplished jazz piano and B3 organ performers in the city (www.nickpeck.com).

** Evening of roses

Let us go out to the grove

Myrrh, fragrant spices and incense

Are a threshold for your feet

Night falls slowly

And the wind of roses is blowing

Let me whisper you a song, secretly

A song of love

Dawn, a dove is cooing

Your head is filled with dew

Your mouth is a rose unto the morning

I will pick it myself

Next Sunday Service: May 21, 2017, 11 am

First Nations vs. Pipelines

Karl Perrin

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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MAY 14, 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 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.

FORUM: Today in the Fireside Room, 12:30 pm. *Guaranteed Basic Income: An idea worth pursuing or buyer beware?* Within the past couple of years, experiments on Guaranteed Basic Income are taking place in various countries. Ontario and PEI have recently decided to launch

pilot projects. A guaranteed basic income is an income unconditionally granted to all on an individual basis, without a means test or work requirements. This forum will feature two speakers, long-time anti-poverty advocate, Jean Swanson and Nick Taylor, with Basic Income Vancouver. They will provide perspectives on the benefits and potential pitfalls of a guaranteed annual income. Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee

YOUR OPEN HEARTS CAN OPEN DOORS: The UCV Library is open before Sunday worship services and after worship until 1 p.m. 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.

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.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM NEEDS YOU! The Children's Program needs you! Do you enjoy spending time with children? Exploring Unitarian values and actions from a new perspective? Do you consider yourself patient, curious, joyful, giving, and kind? 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

GLAD (Gathering for Labyrinth, Art & Dance): - Thurs. May 18 11 am – 1 pm. This month we're dancing--and painting!--the Maypole. More info maryinvancouver@gmail.com

THIRD SUNDAY BOOK GROUP: Sunday, May 21, 12:30 pm in the Lindsey-Priestley room. *This is My Country, What's Yours?* A literary road trip around Canada, in which author Noah Richler posits this question to himself and the readers and interviews many contemporary Canadian writers. Copies available for sign-out and borrowing behind the desk in the UCV library. Presenter: *Barb Taylor*

UPCOMING POTLUCK DINNERS: Need a little Hygge? We have potluck dinners lined up for Sat. May 21, Sat. June 3, Sat. June 17 and Thurs. June 29. Usually 8-10 guests. Must RSVP. For details of place and host, send an email to ucvhygge@gmail.com or call the church office.

NEXT MOVABLE FEAST: Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 6 pm at Pepitas Mexican and Spanish Restaurant, 2015 Burrard St. (corner of 4th Ave. and Burrard, upstairs). RSVP to secure your place at the table! Dianne Crosbie, dcrosbie@uniserve.com or Karen Bartlett, karen.bartlett@ubc.ca.

WEST OF MAIN ART WALK: Three UCV members are involved in the West of Main Art Walk (artistsinourmidst.com), May 27 and 28, 11 am – 5 pm. Louise Bunn, Karen Brumelle and Mary Bennett will participate in the Roundhouse opening Thurs. May 18 and the weekend art walk. Brochures with maps are available on the art bulletin board and some samples of their work are hung in Lindsey-Priestley. We hope to see you then. We'd enjoy sharing our art with our fellow Unitarians.

FULGENCE NDAGIJIMANA VISITS VANCOUVER: Fulgence is a Unitarian Minister in Burundi and now a political refugee in Canada. He is currently a ministerial intern at the Unitarian Church in Saskatoon. Come and hear this charismatic and articulate speaker! Events: In pulpit Sunday, June 4 – 11 am: Unitarian Church of Vancouver, 1:30 pm: South Fraser Unitarian Congregation. **There will be a potluck dinner and discussion on Monday, June 5 at 5:30 pm in the Hewett Centre. RSVP to Mary Lage, mlage@shaw.ca, or Alison Pearson, asp2432@gmail.com.**

NEW COVENANT GROUP FORMING: Would you like to be a part of a small group focusing on sharing thoughts and feelings on the Big Questions? Join the forum Sun. May 21 to learn what a covenant group is and how to join one. Mary Bennett maryinvancouver@gmail.com. We expect a new group to start within the next few months.

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) and come meet with us at the May 12th Messy Church dinner at 5 pm to help shape next year's program.

SHARE YOUR STORY: A SERMON WRITING WORKSHOP: Sat. May 27, 2017, 12:30–5:30 pm at UCV. Facilitated by Rev. Meg Roberts. Workshop cost also includes 1 follow-up group coaching session to help integrate learning. **Cost:** Early Bird special to April 30 is \$35. (May 1–18 is \$50). Maximum 24 participants so register early. For more information contact UCV Worship Committee chair Way Kent: 110395@telus.net or phone the UCV office (604-261-7204). Early Bird Registration Deadline is April 30, final registration deadline is May 18.

SFU PHILOSOPHER'S CAFÉ: Simon Fraser University Philosophers' Café staff have asked me (Randall MacKinnon) to consider offering our Café program during the day, during the week. This would allow us to provide better access to retired and other "daytime available" church and community members. I will be in Hewett Hall after church on May 14th to chat and consult with those who are interested. You can indicate what days of the week are difficult or preferred and share any other ideas or opinions you may have. I will be in Hewett Hall after church - with a RED HAT on. RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca.

JUBILATE VOCAL ENSEMBLE: Have you ever noticed that another choir practices in our Sanctuary on Monday nights? Jubilate Vocal Ensemble has made UCV its practice home for the last several years and since she retired from teaching, our choir director, Donna Brown, has been singing in its alto section. They have a very interesting concert coming up on Saturday, May 27. *Sacred Classics for Choir and Organ* will feature celebrated organist David Enlow, a Juilliard

faculty member, with JVE, performing some of the best-known examples of religious choral music, including the Maurice Duruflé *Requiem*, Felix Mendelssohn's *Hear My Prayer*, Charles Stanford's *Magnificat and Nunc Dimitis in A*, Vaughan Williams' *The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune*, and David L. McIntyre's *Sovereign Lord*. A rare opportunity to hear a world-class organist with a wonderful local choir!

A NEW WAY TO REACH OUT IN TIMES 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

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 beaconunitarian.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.

A NEW TEMPLATE FOR PROGRESSIVE RELIGION WITH MICHAEL MORWOOD: June 7, 7 pm – 8:30pm at the Canadian Memorial United Church, 1806 W 15th Avenue, Vancouver. Three important questions in adult faith formation are: What are you asking me to imagine? From where did this imagination (as a picture of reality) arise? How does this imagination resonate with what we know today about our universe, the age of planet earth, and how life developed here? Sponsored by Canadian Memorial United Church, Programs in Earth Literacies & St. Andrew's Wesley United Church. A donation of \$10 is suggested (but come regardless!). Registration: earthliteracies@gmail.com 1-250-220-4601 www.earthliteracies.org

RE-ENVISIONING THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE WITH MARIA AND MICHAEL MORWOOD: June 8 & 9, 10 am – 4 pm. An invitation to people in the second half of life to explore the source of their faith in the context of their lived experience. It is based on the conviction that people can avoid merely age-ing and choose instead to cultivate wisdom (sage-ing) by consciously choosing how they want to live their later years. The retreat focuses on the link between inner wisdom and a contemporary Christian Evolutionary spirituality. Sponsored by Canadian Memorial United Church, Programs in Earth Literacies & St. Andrew's Wesley United Church. \$115. Please bring lunch, refreshments are provided. Registration: earthliteracies@gmail.com 1-250-220-4601 www.earthliteracies.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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GREETERS	Margo Elfert, Sakura Nandana, Setty Pendakaur, Penny Pearson
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Karen Bartlett, Jane Sutherland

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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