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Interdependence: Interrogated and Affirmed? Our Living Tradition

Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson

– May 28, 2017 –

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

May 28, 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

Sonata K. 332 Adagio; Allegro

Mozart
E. Dainow, piano

Invocation

We Gather Here Together

16th century German,
arr. S. Deibler

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Rev. Steven Epperson

Opening Hymn #360

Here We Have Gathered

**Child Dedication
Ceremony**

Kord Nicholas Anthony Mohammed

Story for all Ages

Read by Rev. Steven Epperson

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

Welcome and Announcements

Marg Fletcher

**Reading from the Book of
Celebrations and Concerns**

Marg Fletcher

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

The Volunteer Song

Composed & performed
by E. Dainow

Meditation, spoken then silent

Rev. Steven Epperson

Anthem

Wild Mountain Thyme

Scottish folk song, arr. K. Shaw
Solos: Beth Breisnes, Gavin Grandish

The Living Tradition We Sustain

In celebration of all the good, generous
work we do to sustain and achieve our community.

Litany of thanks: Let us give thanks to one another for the spirit, for the energy, sincerity, and generosity we share in our service to our congregation.

Sermon

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Closing Hymn #298

Wake Now My Senses

Valediction

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.
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Next Sunday Service: June 4, 2017, 11 am

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

Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana

After escaping Burundi, Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana came to Canada as a refugee. He will share his experience of how partnership has the potential to help all concerned grow and adopt different perspectives. In addition to next Sunday's service, 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.

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 28, 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: 12:30 – 1:30 pm, Fireside Room. The forum with Mairy Beam will be postponed till September. For May 28, members of The Vancouver Sketch Club who have a show in the church this month will present an art talk and walk. Originally called the Vancouver Business Men's Art Club, it was formed in 1952 by the curator of the Vancouver Art Gallery, to give downtown business men an opportunity to sketch, paint and socialize. The name was legally changed to the Vancouver Sketch Club in 1992, when women were welcomed as members. It is now open to anyone with an interest in drawing and painting. All skill levels are welcome. The Sketch Club meets monthly September to May, and we welcome this opportunity to invite you to watch our demos, paint and speak with fellow artists in all mediums and become inspired to express your individual creativity. Website: www.myartclub.com/the.vancouver.sketch.club email: vansketclub@gmail.com

THE 4TH SUNDAY COVENANT GROUP meets in the Lindsey-Priestley room today, 1 to 2:30 pm.

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

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

Unsung Hero Award 2017 *Unitarian Church of Vancouver*

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 25th). **Send your nominations by June 6th** to: info@vancouverunitarians.ca, or leave a message on Rev. Epperson's phone: 604.261.7204, ext. 223.

HOW WE'RE CHANGING THE WORLD!

The Refugee Committee has sponsored a total of fourteen Palestinians over the years, and have worked with an interfaith coalition who has helped many more. They are all part of an extended family and are doing very well.

THE REDEVELOPMENT PLANNING CTTE. & ADVISORY GROUP will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 30 at 7 pm in Hewett Hall to discuss with Catalyst consultants financial proformas for several potential development options. This is an important meeting to attend as we are nearing the completion of the feasibility phase before reporting to the Board and congregation – *Gordon Gram and Michael Clague*

JUNE 4 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.

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

LOVE SOUP: Thank you very much for your continued support and help with last Sunday's Love Soup! Because of you, we can keep going! The last Love Soup for this season will be on the third Sunday, June 18. Please mark it on your calendar!

THE UCV BOOK CLUB will meet on June 18 at 12.30 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!

UPCOMING POTLUCK DINNERS: Need a little Hygge? We have potluck dinners lined up for 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. Summer Hygge? Would you host a picnic, barbecue, fireworks night in July or August? Some things slow down but July and August are fine times for getting together with your Unitarian friends.

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 CCCLA's Jennifer Prosser Wade Award for Courage, will give a short presentation on OPS at the Sunday, June 4 service.

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).

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

FEEDBACK: We always welcome feedback on our worship services: worship@vancouverunitarians.ca, Sincerely, UCV Worship Services Committee

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FARMERS ON 57TH HARVEST BOXES 2017: Reserve yours now! Eat fresh urban farm & organically grown veg for \$30/week, June-October. Flowers available too. More info at www.farmers57th.ca.

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 – 8:30 pm 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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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