



Presence to Change

Rev. Frances Deverell

February 11, 2018



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER



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.*

Warm Welcome!

Please visit our Visitors' Table in the Sanctuary foyer and get a nametag. Drop by the Welcome Table in Hewett Centre after the service and stay for coffee or tea and friendly conversation. Learn about our congregation. Look for people wearing yellow nametags, who are welcoming you today.

The Presence of Children is a Gift to the Church. Welcome!

If you are a new family visiting with children or babies please fill out a Children's Program visitor card at the Welcome Table so Kiersten Moore, our Director of Religious Exploration, can be in touch with you about our children, youth, and family programs.

Most Sundays, everyone begins the morning together in the Sanctuary for the first 10-15 minutes. We provide multi-age programming and special workshops for children ages 2-12 from 11:15-12:15. Community building, exploring traditions and values, questioning, and wondering are our goals. Babies and young toddlers may join us or stay with you in the Sanctuary.

Buddy Bags with a small stuffie, themed colouring book, and crayons are available in the foyer for use during the service. Please return them to the basket at the end; you may keep the colouring book. There is also a playroom for family use across from the kitchen in Hewett Centre.

The seats in the rear of the church are ***reserved***:
(when facing the front) left side for those needing to slip in and out of the service, and
right side for persons in wheelchairs & strollers.

The UCV Campus is a non-smoking environment.

TODAY AT UCV

REFLECTIONS OF THE REV. PHILLIP HEWETT: To mark Rev. Hewett's 93rd birthday (Feb. 10), the UCV has produced a booklet, entitled "A Spiritual Odyssey: Reflections of the Rev. Phillip Hewett," collected by Stanley Tromp. Copies are for sale for \$10 at the Hewett Centre literature table.

After the Story we sing our children off to their Explorations in Hewett Centre:

Spirit Play meets downstairs in the Channing Room (south end) until 12:15. **All visitors and children ages 0-12** are welcome to join this multi-age program centered around community, ritual, and story. Explorations are centered around the Seven Principles and Sources of Unitarian Universalism. Each Sunday starts with a story and moves into art, building, action, or garden activities.

Coming of Age meets in Hirschmanova until 12:15. This is a year-long mentorship and spirituality exploration program for children ages 11-14 and is restricted to registered participants.

Children and babies are always welcome to remain with their family or responsible adult throughout the service if they prefer. The service can also be heard in the foyer and in Hewett Hall where a playroom is open for family use.

Nursing parents are welcome in any part of our buildings, if you wish for more privacy there is a comfy chair and a rocking chair in the Hewett Hall playroom.

After the Service children age 9 and older will be released to join their family in the main Hall when their class is over. **Children age 8 and younger** must be met at their classroom door and signed out by a responsible adult.

YOUTH GROUP: UCV currently does not have an active community of high-school-aged youth. We do have trained and experienced youth advisors as well as a cohort of young people entering high school in the next year or two. If you are interested in Religious Exploration for this age group, please email Youth Coordinator Olivia Hall at oliviahmargaret@gmail.com or Director of Religious Education Kiersten Moore at dre@vancouverunitarians.ca.

MEDITATION: Join us for the Sunday morning sitting meditation at 10 – 10:45 am in the Family Room. There is brief guidance at the beginning of each sit. Inquiries: victoriaoginski@gmail.com.

LUNCH TODAY: A delicious lunch served today by the UCV Refugee Committee. Lunch proceeds help us sponsor refugee families who want to come to Canada and to assist refugee families who have settled here.

NEW SERMON DISCUSSIONS: Inviting newcomers and regulars to share your thoughts, feelings and questions about today's service. Grab a coffee or lunch and join us for an informal discussion at 12:15 in the Lindsey-Priestley room (the side closest to the Hall entrance). Moderated by a host from Connect & Engage. Look forward to seeing you there! *Sheila* (R), Connect & Engage Committee.

FORUM: *Canada's National Housing Strategy: Will It Solve the Housing Crisis?* The federal Liberal government describes its National Housing Strategy as a 10-year, \$40-billion plan that "will strengthen the middle class, fuel our economy, and give more Canadians across the country a place to call home." However, critics point to growing homelessness and increasing unaffordability and charge that the plan is seriously deficient. Sponsor: Social Justice Committee. 12:30 pm, Fireside.

SECOND SUNDAY BOOK GROUP: *Fall Down 7 Times Get Up 8*. 12:30 – 2:00 pm in the Biddle Room. Author Naoki Higashida is a phenomenally successful author, and profoundly autistic. His observations are moving and thought-provoking. All are welcome to join us to discuss this man and his book.

UCV MEMBERS ART SHOW: January 3rd to February 28th. Mixed media. Please leave your comments in the book provided. Thanks!

Celebration of Worship: February 11, 2018

Prelude *Music by Mary Grigolia* E. Dainow, piano

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours David Macdonald
Acknowledgement of Musqueam Territory

Opening Chant by Leah Hokanson
Led by Elliott Dainow and Frances Deverell

I breathe and notice what opens, what closes
I breathe and notice what is
I look and notice
I move and notice
I listen and notice

Responsive Reading #648 *Beginners*
Written by Denise Levertoff
Read by David Macdonald

Kindling the Chalice Flame Rev Frances Deverell

Opening Song *We've Got the Whole World*

To the tune of "He's Got the Whole World" Folk Song

We've got the whole world in our hands (x4)
We've got you and me, neighbor
We've got the birds and the bees
We've got the fishes and the streams
We've got the land the forests
We've got the air and the oceans

Story for All Ages *Picture of Peace*
A Buddhist folktale told by Rev. Frances Deverell

"Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the spirit of love
Surround you, everywhere, everywhere you may go..."

Welcome and Announcements Ursula Litzcke

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns Ursula Litzcke

Hymn #352

Find a Stillness

Meditation/Prayer

Rev. Frances Deverell
Dance of Change, Mary Grigolia, arr't E. Dainow
Elliott Dainow, voice & piano

Minister's Reflection

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

Mary Grigolia / arr't E. Dainow
E. Dainow, piano & voice

Closing Hymn #123

Spirit of Life

Closing Words

By Mother Theresa
Read by David Macdonald

Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

David Macdonald and Rev. Frances Deverell

Valediction

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

Next Sunday Service: February 18, 2018

The Thread You Follow

Revs. Emily and Marcus Hartleif

UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

GLAD – GATHERING FOR LABYRINTH, ART AND DANCE: Thursday, Feb 15, 11 am – 1 pm.
With a Valentine's theme, we'll be painting hearts on rocks and placing them on the labyrinth.
Dances are all about love. Facilitated by Mairy Beam, Mary Bennett and Darlene Rainbow.
circledanceucv@gmail.com

CONTEMPLATIVE COLLAGE: Thursday, Feb. 15, 2 – 4 pm, a new offering. Come and enjoy a quiet, relaxing afternoon together. A meditative time to choose images and put them together creatively. Scissors, glue and images provided. Inspired by the Unitarian Church of Montreal. Please RSVP to Mary maryinvancouver@gmail.com

SUPPORT WILD SALMON: Join us Friday, February 16, 6:30/7:00 – 9:30 pm in the Sanctuary to show support for and solidarity with First Nations in their efforts to remove ocean salmon farms from the waters of their unceded territories. Special Guest Speakers: Dr. David Suzuki (scientist), Chief Willie Moon (Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw), Chief Ernest Alfred ('Namgis, Mamalilika), Julia McIntyre-Smith (Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw), and Cecilia Point (Musqueam). Music by Michael Averill, Barry Truter, and the Re:Sisters. Sponsored by the Environment Committee. Admission by donation (suggested \$20). Silent auction, Indigenous art and jewellery sale in Hewett Hall.

HYGGE DINNERS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS: Hygge dinners are small (usually 8-10) potluck dinners that are hosted in members' homes usually, but not necessarily, on the 3rd Saturday at 6pm. There are 4 upcoming dinners. One on February 17, two on March 17. The 4th is for East Van Unitarians. If you live in East Van and want to join the email group to learn about this and other gatherings, send a note to ucvconnect@gmail.com.

NEXT MOVEABLE FEAST: Saturday, February 24th at 6 pm. Location: East is East Restaurant 3035 West Broadway, Vancouver (near Blenheim). www.eastiseast.ca RSVP: Dianne Crosbie dcrosbie@uniserve.com

CONSCIOUS BREATHING WORKSHOP: February 27, 7 pm, Lindsey-Priestley. Learn Conscious Breathing Techniques to Enhance Your Health and Manage Stress. Conscious Breathing techniques can increase your physical strength, emotional stability and mental agility. Manage stress, anxiety and fears with simple methods to feel more alive and energized. Call Henry 604 442 6947 for more info.

PASSOVER SEDER/DINNER: Save the Date! Friday, April 6, 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Contact: Sheila sresels@telus.net

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK BASH DONATIONS: The Library Committee encourages everyone to donate gently used books for the upcoming Book Bash on March 25. Please drop them off in the library on Sundays before/after the service.

THE CONNECT & ENGAGE COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to facilitate informal conversation amongst newcomers (& regulars). The topic is the Sunday sermon. Our weekly *Sermon Discussions* are from 12:15 to approximately 1 pm. This only requires that you sign up for *one session per year*. If you'd like to join the team, contact Sheila at sresels@gmail.com.

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM: Reporters needed. As we know “a lot goes on around here”. The Communications Team is looking for people who can do short interviews and follow up on information with links and information to write articles of approximately 500-700 words for our website. Contact Mary Bennett maryinvancouver@gmail.com (phone, skype or email contact is fine, so can be done from anywhere.)

LABYRINTH: It's almost labyrinth weather. Please walk our two labyrinths anytime. There are likely snowdrops up in the Fremlin Living Labyrinth – and crocuses sure to follow. If you can help with occasional weeding, planting, fertilizing (and eventually watering—but not yet) contact unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER: Are you ready to get involved with the community? There are several volunteer opportunities ranging from one hour per month to ongoing planning committee work. Sign up here: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/community/volunteer/> or contact ucvconnect@gmail.com

THE 4TH SUNDAY COVENANT GROUP has openings for any interested UCV members or adherents. We will meet next Feb. 25, 12:45, and it will be an open meeting with the topic “*What is Listening?*” Interested? Please contact Nonie Lyon (nonielyon@shaw.ca) More specifics about our groups it was in 2017: tiny.cc/2017ucv4th. Note: There are several small group ministries within the UCV community. (ref: vancouverunitarians.ca/ then search: covenant groups) They provide a small group environment, with spiritual intent.

JEWISH HOLIDAYS (JH) COMMITTEE: If you enjoy participating in celebrations that combine great food, stimulating conversation amongst Unitarians, their friends & family members, join our (JH) team. We're currently working on a Passover Seder/Dinner (Fri, Apr. 6, 5:30 pm, Hewett Center, Main Hall). There will be a lively review of the ancient Exodus Story of Passover which strives for freedom against oppression and celebrates liberty for all. We are looking people to help out in the marketing, children, food, music, set-up & set-down teams. Please contact Sheila at sresels@gmail.com for more information.

LOVE SOUP: Thank you very much for your continued support. Please note that we are in need of additional help for the February 18 Love Soup lunch while Amy is away in Japan – please contact the office if you would like to participate!

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: The Outreach Opportunities Fund will be collecting for the Community Legal Assistance Society (CLAS), from February to May. CLAS provides legal assistance in BC to people with problems in the areas of workers' rights, income security, housing, mental health and human rights.

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Pat Johnson, Pat MacBain

FLOWERS

Lorraine Calame

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Kaelyn Elfert, George Atherton

SOUND

Galen Elfert

LUNCH

Refugee Committee

GREETERS

Margo Elfert, Sakura Nandana, Setty Pendakur, Penny Pearson

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Philomene Jahnke, Karen Bartlett

CARETAKER(S)

Ahmed Walwail



Our Vision

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.

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