



## ***Do Trees Have Rights?***

Rev. Steven Epperson

January 28, 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.



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*The prelude helps to create a spirit for shared celebration and worship.  
Please refrain from conversing and please turn off your cell phones.*

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## ***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.

<p>The seats in the rear of the church are <b><i>reserved</i></b>: (when facing the front) left side for those needing to slip in and out of the service, and right side for persons in wheelchairs &amp; strollers.</p>
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*The UCV Campus is a non-smoking environment.*

## **TODAY AT UCV**

*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. This Sunday we are preparing our Apple Wassail Festival.
- **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](mailto:oliviahmargaret@gmail.com) or Director of Religious Education Kiersten Moore at [dre@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:dre@vancouverunitarians.ca).

**MEDITATION:** Join us for the Sunday morning sitting meditation at 10 – 10:45 am. There is brief guidance at the beginning of each sit. Any inquiries can be sent to [victoriaoginski@gmail.com](mailto:victoriaoginski@gmail.com).

**THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** is meeting today in Lindsey/Priestly at 12:30. 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!

**BUMBLEBERRY SUNDAE:** After the service, the New U Committee is serving up yummy bumbleberry sundaes with juicy berries that were hand-picked by committee members last summer and – of course – ice cream!

**FORUM:** *Ice Age Cave Art in Poetry and Mixed Media*. Mary Bennett and Keith Willkinson have recently published a little book *Touching What Can't Be Said* of Mary's art and Keith's poetry. They each became interested in the research into the 32 geometric signs found in ice-age caves in Europe. They'll talk about what they learned and how this project evolved. Some of Mary's art pieces will be in the annual members' art show on display January – February. 12:30 pm in the Fireside Room.

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

**FEBRUARY UCV EVENTS** is available for pickup today. Check at Welcome Table or new brochure holder near entrance. If you'd like to receive by email, send a request to [ucvevents@gmail.com](mailto:ucvevents@gmail.com)

# Celebration of Worship: January 28, 2018

**Prelude** *Cathedral Grove* Jonas Kvarnstrom  
*Tu B'Shvat Medley* trad. Yiddish / arr. E. Dainow  
E. Dainow, piano

**Invocation** *Come and Find the Quiet Centre* With the Chalice  
Choir

**Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours** Rev. Steven Epperson

**Kindling the Chalice Flame** Rev. Steven Epperson

**Opening Hymn #203** *All Creatures of the Earth and Sky*

## **New Member Recognition:**

Simon Marmorek  
Sheila Resels

Jean Desmond  
Bill Perry

Martha Saunders  
Ben Hechter

Cathy Sevcik

## **Litany of Welcome and Affirmation**

***The Congregation:*** We welcome you as new members to our religious community. We will gladly walk with you in a common journey to deepen our spiritual and ethical lives. May that journey together be a fulfilling experience for all of us. May it bring the aims and ideals we share more fully to realization in our lives.

***New Members:*** We thank you for welcoming us this day as we embark on membership in the Unitarian Church of Vancouver. We seek to learn explore, serve, and celebrate in this community. We promise to join with you to achieve the mission and vision of this congregation.

***All:*** The Unitarian Church of Vancouver celebrates the diversity and shared values of its members. We cherish our freedom and openness to truth. We will support each other in our quest for meaning and justice. We will support each other in times of joy, sorrow, and need. Together may we deepen and celebrate our life in community, and help flourish the quality of life for all.

**Story for all Ages** Read by Rev. Steven Epperson

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

**Welcome and Announcements** Rob Taylor

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

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

*Forest Murmurs*

William L. Gillock / arr. E. Dainow  
E. Dainow, piano

**Meditation – Spoken, then Silent**

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Musical Response**

*Sanctus\**

Missa Brevis pro Serveto by T. Stokes  
with Latin text by Rev. F. Dearman

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**Closing Hymn #207**

*Earth Was Given as a Garden*

**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.*

\* *Sanctus terra et pax beata*

*Holy the earth and blessed is our peace*

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**Next Sunday Service: February 4, 2018**

***Spring Awakening***  
**A Whole Congregation Worship Service**

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**UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**PHILOSOPHER'S CAFÉ:** Thursday, February 1, 10:30 am – noon in the Fireside room. *What are some universal attributes of being human?* Co-sponsored by SFU and the Vancouver Unitarians. Contact: [randallmackinnon@yahoo.ca](mailto:randallmackinnon@yahoo.ca).

**COMPUTUTOR:** Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 12 – 2 pm in the Lindsey-Priestley room. Bring your curiosity, questions and computer/social media challenges. We will respond to raised issues. Particular focus this month:- sourcing computer services. Resource people: Paul Prescod, Galen Elfert, and friends. Questions beforehand: [RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca](mailto:RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca)

**TAROT WORKSHOP** with Louise Bunn. February 4, 2 – 4 pm. Maximum size: 14 participants. Must pre-register. Follow links on website.

**SECOND SUNDAY BOOK GROUP:** *Fall Down 7 Times Get Up 8* – Biddle – Feb 11, 12:30 -2:00 pm. Author Naoki Higashida is a phenomenally successful author, and profoundly autistic. His observations are moving and thought-provoking.

*“I’d like people to stop pressuring children to make friends ... having no friends is nothing to be ashamed of. Let’s all follow and be true to our singular path through life.”*

*“Those who are determined to live with us and not give up on us are deeply compassionate people, and this kind of compassion must be a key to humanity’s long-term survival.”*

All are welcome to join us to discuss this man and his book.

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

## **UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FIRST AID TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:** UCV office and caretaking staff are undertaking CPR-C and AED emergency first aid training on Saturday, February 3, beginning at 9 am. If any committee members, volunteers, and/or congregants are interested in attending and becoming certified, please let the office know by Monday, January 29. Cost: \$85/person.

**YOUR BOARD NEEDS YOUR HELP!** We still need volunteers to chair the nominating committee, to be on or chair the Human Resources Committee and now an interim Treasurer (or small finance committee) to fill in for Liz who has had to withdraw to deal with serious health concerns. Please contact Marg at [mfletcher508@gmail.com](mailto:mfletcher508@gmail.com) to learn more and to volunteer!

**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](mailto:maryinvancouver@gmail.com) (phone, skype or email contact is fine, so can be done from anywhere.)

**COFFEE @ UCV:** Can you volunteer for one Sunday a month either before or after the service? Contact [ucvconnect@gmail.com](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com).

**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 lunches while Amy is away in Japan – please contact the office if you would like to participate!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who reviewed UCV on Yelp and other rating platforms. Our social rating profiles are much improved! – *Paul Prescod*

**2018 MULTIFAITH CALENDARS** now available for purchase before and after the service in Hewett Hall! Beautiful, art filled calendars include notes about festivals each month from world religions of all kinds. They make wonderful gifts! \$15 each or 2 for \$25. All proceeds support the Children and Youth programming.

**MULTIFAITH CALENDAR – CALL FOR ART SUBMISSIONS:** The Multifaith Action Society is accepting art submissions for potential inclusion in the 2019 edition of the calendar, the theme of which will be “*Coming Together: Exploring New Connections.*” Submit up to five digital images (JPEG) in low resolution to: [artsubmissions@multifaithaction.org](mailto:artsubmissions@multifaithaction.org). Remuneration ranges from \$100 to \$500, depending on image placement, for selected pieces.

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND:** The Outreach Opportunities Fund will be collecting for a First Nations organisation, *Warriors Against Violence Society* (WAVS), from October until the end of January. WAVS has been in operation since 1998 with the aim of reducing violence against women by helping men learn how to make positive changes in their lives. The program provides the opportunity for participants to share their stories and obtain support, and reclaim traditional values of equality, honour and respect for themselves and others.

## **OUTSIDE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CELEBRATING OUR DIFFERENCES** – *Creating Positive Change in a Divided World.* Sunday, January 28, beginning at 3 pm. Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara, 8115 132. St., Surrey. In celebration of World Interfaith Harmony Week. The talented musicians and storytellers of the **Daughters of the Drum** and the **Naad Foundation** are returning for another inspiring gathering. Through stories and songs from many spiritual traditions, we will explore how to create positive change in a time of great uncertainty and fear. Admission is free, and all welcome to attend and share in Langar (traditional Sikh vegetarian meal). Visit [www.multifaithaction.org](http://www.multifaithaction.org) for more information or to pre-register.

## **THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:**

**COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS**

**FLOWERS**

**LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL**

**SOUND**

**LUNCH**

**GREETERS**

**WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE**

**CARETAKER(S)**

Jean Lamond, Velia Leval

Vera Hinton

Aphrodite Harris, Hilda Wiebe

Rob Greig

Bumbleberry Sundae

John and Rae Smith, Greg Grant, Gary Smook, Hilda Wiebe

Naomi Taylor, Audrey Cook

Paul Nash, 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.*

## **MINISTER AND STAFF**

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