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The Curve of Time

- Geoff Gomery -

- August 21, 2016 -

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

August 21, 2016

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 beginning at 10:45 am helps to create a spirit for shared celebration and worship. Please refrain from conversing and please turn off your cell phones.



Prelude	<i>Impromptu in Eb+, Op.90 no.2</i>	Franz Schubert with Ailsa Zaenker
Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours		Leonie Armstrong
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Leonie Armstrong
Opening Hymn #183	<i>The Wind of Change Forever Blows</i>	
Story for All Ages		read by Geoff Gomery
Let's Sing the Children Out: <i>"Go now.."</i>		
Welcome and Announcements		Board Member
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Board Member
Offering	<i>En Bateau</i>	Claude Debussy with Ailsa Zaenker
<i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>		
Meditation, Spoken then Silent		
Musical Response	<i>Song Without Words Op.30 no. 6</i>	Felix Mendelssohn (Venetian Gondola Song) with Ailsa Zaenker
Homily		<i>The Curve of Time**</i> Geoff Gomery

Closing Hymn #324

Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads

Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Leonie Armstrong

Valediction

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

Postlude

Old Man River Jerome Kern
with Ailsa Zaenker

* 'The ice arch was a marvellous piece of work. I had four goes at making it ... I made a slate arch prior to the ice arch which was quite exciting. I made the arch [ice] over a pile of stones and left it overnight. It was a very tense night, it was in a field full of cows, I was looking out the window every half hour or so to see what the weather was doing in the morning I went out, and it was dripping like mad, and I pulled the stones away and it held. It was very beautiful.'
[AG, Triangle, Border Television, 1983]

**'The book that inspired Geoff Gomery's homily, also entitled 'The Curve of Time', is a memoir by M. Wylie Blanchett, and was originally published in 1961.

Next Sunday Service: August 28, 2016, 11 am

Loving Imperfections

Leonie Armstrong

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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A 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	Avril Schafer, Liz Monrad, Eric Chen
FLOWERS	Diane Donaldson
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL	Frances Anderson, Laura Gerken, David Buchanan
LUNCH	No Lunch
ORDER OF SERVICE	Hunter MacNiven
SOUND	Kaelyn Elfert
GREETERS	Jane Sutherland, Shirley McLeod, Carolyn Grant, Denise Nereida
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Karen Bartlett, Huguette Sansonnet

STAFF

PARISH MINISTER	Rev. Steven Epperson
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DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Kiersten Moore
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Donna Brown
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SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS	Virginia Crabill, Robert Schultz
UCV LAY CHAPLAINS	Nan Gregory, Nicola Hamilton, Sherry King

The red pulpit hanging is a gift from our partner church in Brassó, Romania.

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

AUGUST 21, 2016

OUR CAPITAL \$\$ AT WORK

Work has begun and will run until the end of September replacing skylights and some roof repairs on the Sanctuary and installing a new roof on the administration building. *Rain Drops Are Dancing on our Roof, not on our heads.....*

-Your Buildings and Grounds Committee

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: Childcare is available free for the younger ones (aged three and under) in Servetus Room on the main floor of Hewett Centre.

ART THIS MONTH: Aug 2 - Aug 30, Joanne Hastie, *Around Corners* acrylics.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF UCV NEED YOU! Our fall children's programming will be starting up on September 18th and Kiersten Moore, our new DRE, needs your help to make it happen! Volunteering for CYRE can be a small gift of time—providing snack, helping with one special event, chaperoning a sleepover—but we also need larger gifts of time—leading class for 3 or 6 weeks, helping with the Christmas pageant, assisting in class once/month over the year. Our core curriculum this fall and winter is Celebrating our Origins of the Universe. We can use anyone who has an interest in stars, evolution, cosmology, and earth or life science. Please see Kiersten Moore after the service for more information, questions, or to sign up. You may also email her at dre@vancouverunitarians.ca

CHRISTMAS WREATHS IN THE CHURCH 2016:

I am looking for a replacement leader for the Christmas Wreath making team. The event usually takes place on 2nd Saturday of December, (10th Dec 2016) . I am not available this year but am very happy to mentor someone who is willing to take on the job. We have people who can supply the greenery and the wreath bases and the wire to attach the bows are in storage at UCV.

Please call me at 604-263-0265 if you are willing to commit to this fun job .

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MOVEABLE FEAST FOR AUGUST: Beach Party on Saturday, August 27th at Locarno Beach. We will be meeting on the beach just west of the Jericho Pier at 6:00 pm. Bring your own picnic or purchase take-out at the Jericho Sailing Club. Bring a beach chair or blanket and beverage. For more information contact Dianne Crosbie, dcrosbie@uniserve.com

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OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTHWEST WILDERNESS SOCIETY: Are you still thinking about making plans for those delicious lazy summer holidays!?! Come to Wilderness anytime until August 31. For more info, website www.kootenaywildernesscamping.org, info@kootenaywildernesscamping.org, or phone Mary Lage at 604-435 9265. Brochures are available in Hewett Centre (under the Unitarian Camps area).

ANNUAL VANCOUVER ISLAND UNITARIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT will be held at Bethlehem Retreat Centre in Nanaimo, BC on the weekend of September 16 to 18, 2016. The cost for the weekend is \$225 before August 20, \$240 after. The workshop is *Women's Song* with Leah Hockinson. Registration form, with more information is at <http://tinyurl.com/2016NWR>. For further information contact Theresa at tmarion3@yahoo.com or 604-687-4864.