



Water Ceremony and Ingathering

- Rev. Steven Epperson and UCV Congregation -

- Sept 11, 2016 -

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

September 11, 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 helps to create a spirit for shared celebration and worship.
Please refrain from conversing and please turn off your cell phones.*



Prelude

Rain Sonata - Vivace Johannes Brahms
Martha Brickman, piano; Karen Foster, violin*

Invocation

Gathered Here P. Porter
with the Chalice Choir

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Rev. Steven Epperson

Opening Hymn #361

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

Litany: A New Year at UCV Begins

Minister: We welcome the beginning of the 2016-17 church year and we proclaim that with this day, a new year in the history of our community begins.

Congregation: *The blessings of this religious community are open to all, young and old.*

Minister: Grace, beauty, compassion, spirit and justice can be present in the everyday – here and now - in the acts of service we share with one another, in the steps we take together in spirit, mind and heart.

Congregation: *With patience, reason, imagination, and good will, we can also move out from this Sanctuary and help make the world more kind, thoughtful, and just.*

Minister: We are here only for a brief time to dearly love life and to make a difference for good in our homes, in the congregation, and in our schools, places of work, and the community beyond.

Congregation: *The whole world may move toward restoration when we love, care, and learn from each other.*

All: *It is never too late to begin again. Let's do it here and now. So be it.*

Welcome and Announcements

Board Member

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

Board Member

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

Rain Sonata - Allegro (excerpt) Johannes Brahms
Martha Brickman, piano; Karen Foster, violin

Meditation, Spoken then Silent

Rev. Steven Epperson

Musical Response

River in Judea L. Marcus and J. Feldman, arr. J. Leavitt
with the Chalice Choir

UCV's Water Ceremony: Say It with Water

Rev. Steven Epperson and UCV Congregation

Closing Hymn #1064

Blue Boat Home

Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Valediction

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.
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*It is great to have an old friend from Montreal - Martha, and her music partner Karen, with us today. Martha had great success as a harpsichordist. She released a CD *Baroque Gems of the 18th Century* a few years ago, and now teaches at the Vancouver Academy of Music. Karen Foster played for the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and the Vetta Quartet. Welcome Martha and Karen
—Elliott Dainow

Next Sunday Service: September 18, 2016, 11 am

Attention Must Be Paid

Rev. Steven Epperson

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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SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

HOW WE'RE CHANGING THE WORLD!

Our two Eritrean young women have finished their sponsorship. They are working full time as office cleaners, as well as attending English classes. ~The Refugee 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: Sept 1 – Oct 16, Kitckstart group show.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: 12:30—1:30 pm, in Lindsey/Priestley, located in the NE corner of the Hewett Centre. All welcome!

FORUM: *Family Tea with the DRE.* Come join us for a new quarterly family forum. Parents, children and youth connect with our new Director of Religious Education about our current programming, how life at church is going, family needs and concerns, interests, and idea sharing. This is an informal time to get to know each other more fully. Tea/coffee, snacks, and extended childcare for the younger ones—outside when weather permits. You can save the dates already! Today, January 29, and June 4—after the service.

ART SALES: Franci Louann, UCV member, an artist, and fundraising social activist, will be offering her works of art in Hewett Centre today. 50% of the proceeds will go to the Refugee Committee!

Lift up thine eyes to the Sanctuary ceiling, for there ye shall see new skylights – and the rain shall not enter again. This is what your silent prayers, songs, and capital campaign donations have wrought.

And the gods are also mightily pleased and have bestowed an additional \$13,000 from their Heritage Legacy Fund of BC towards these capital expenses. We send them prayers of thankfulness and gratitude.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



UCV Vision Forum

September 18, 2016 12:30 pm

You are all invited to a Sunday Forum in the Fireside Room where we will begin the process of creating a new Vision for our Congregation.
(with Rev. Steven Epperson and the UCV Vision Taskforce)

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

PROGRAM COORDINATING COUNCIL: There is still a vacancy for Program Coordinating Council Chair. I thoroughly enjoyed my three years as chair, and was able to work with and play with many members - including committee members and church leaders. I look forward to chatting with anyone who may be interested in learning more.

RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca

GLAD GATHERING FOR LABYRINTH, ART AND DANCE: Thurs., Sept 15, 11 am—1 pm. Come for a creative and contemplative mid-day break. Mary Bennett and Mairy Beam facilitate.

and check out Vancouver Courier article about our labyrinths from the Sept 1 edition

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

THE UCV THIRD SUNDAY BOOK GROUP will meet on September 18 from 12:30—2:00 pm. in the Lindsey/Priestley room to discuss *Talking To the Dead* by Harry Bingham. This unusual "nesting" mystery novel is set in South Wales and introduces a fascinating young woman detective. Everyone is welcome.

SEPTEMBER CIRCLE DINNER: Saturday, September 17, near Cambie & Broadway. Join fellow Unitarians for a potluck dinner at a member's home. To sign up, please contact Theresa, 604-687-4864, tmarion3@yahoo.com. Next Circle Dinner will be on October 15.

MOVEABLE FEAST: The September Movable Feast will be held on September 24 at the Yak & Yeti Bistro, 2958 W. 4th Ave. (near MacDonald). Experience Nepalese cuisine with great conversation with members and friends. Plenty of on-street parking. RSVP to Karen Bartlett, karen.bartlett@ubc.ca or Dianne Crosbie, dcrosbie@uniserve.com

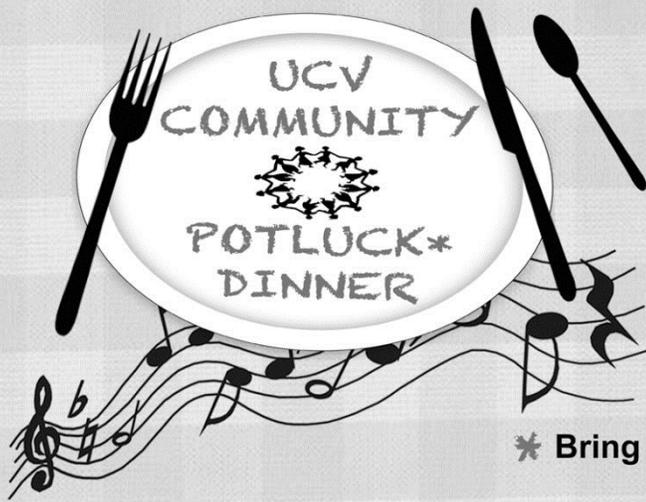
BOOK BASH! The library committee is having its next Book Bash on October 30 and we welcome all donations of gently used books. Please bring any donations to the library, any Sunday between noon and 1 pm.

DO YOU GET UCV EVENTS AND THE WEEKLY ORDER OF SERVICE DELIVERED TO YOUR INBOX? It's an easy way to keep up on what's going on around here. Just send an email to ucvevents@gmail.com if you'd like to be added to the list. ALL you'll receive is 5-6 messages per month. It's not a discussion list. AND if you WANT a discussion list, there's vancouverunitarians@googlegroups.com. Approximately 100 of us share news, dream up events and introduce ourselves. Let Mary Bennett know if you'd like to try it out.

REQUEST FOR SUMMER PHOTOS! TEN OF YOUR BEST!

We would like to show photos of your summer fun at the 3rd Annual UCV Fall Dinner on October 1, 2016. Send us 10 of your best digital Summer Photos for inclusion in our slide show. Send them to Shirley Brunke at sjbrunke@shaw.ca. Please, only digital photos only in an email. Send them by Saturday, September 25, 2016

JOIN THE FUN
at the 3rd annual



Saturday, October 1, 2016 (from 5:30 pm)

- *tasty food*
- *heavenly music*
- *congenial company*
- *excellent entertainment*

**\$10 tickets on sale after service
September 18 & 25 in Hewett Hall (only 100)**

Childcare available

*** Bring a salad or entré (appetizers & dessert provided)**



***Coming to UCV
This Fall:
Adult Religious Education***

Restorative Yoga

Theatre for the Living

Circle Dancing

7 Principles

What Moves Us: Unitarian Universalist Theology

Details on the way.

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	Ann Foster, Barbara Schafer, Amy Megumi Anderson
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ORDER OF SERVICE	Hunter MacNiven
SOUND	Galen Elfert
GREETERS	Margo Elfert, Sakura Nandana, Setty Pendakur, Penny Pearson
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Jane Sutherland, Laura Gerken

STAFF

PARISH MINISTER	Rev. Steven Epperson
COMMUNITY MINISTER	Rev. Laura Imayoshi
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Kiersten Moore
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MUSIC ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER	Elliott Dainow
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SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS	Virginia Crabill, Robert Schultz
UCV LAY CHAPLAINS	Nan Gregory, Nicola Hamilton, Sherry King, Louise Bunn

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