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## ***Building Community: Sustaining Our Vision***

- Rev. Steven Epperson – April 10, 2016 -

# UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

**Celebration of Worship**

**April 10, 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.



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*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.*

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**Prelude**

Ingathering singing with Joyce Poley

**Invocation**

*May Your Life Be as a Song*  
J. Scott and Y. Zaritsky  
with the Chalice Choir

**Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours**

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Kindling the Chalice Flame**

**Opening Hymn #360**

*Here We Have Gathered*

**Story for All Ages**

read by Rev. Steven Epperson

**Children Recessional** *As you go on your way may you be filled with gladness,  
Go in joy, go in joy,  
May fortune bless your day with peace and loving kindness,  
Go in love, go in love.*

- words & music by Joyce Poley

**Welcome and Announcements**

Patrick Dubois

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

Patrick Dubois

**Offering**

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

*If We Were a Rich Church* music by Jerry Bock  
lyrics by Patrick Dubois  
performed by Patrick Dubois

**Meditation, spoken then silent**

**Musical Response**

*My Song*

E. Esenvalds  
with the Chalice Chair

**Sermon**

*Building Community: Sustaining Our Vision*

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Closing Hymn #131**

*Love Will Guide Us*

**Closing Words**

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.*

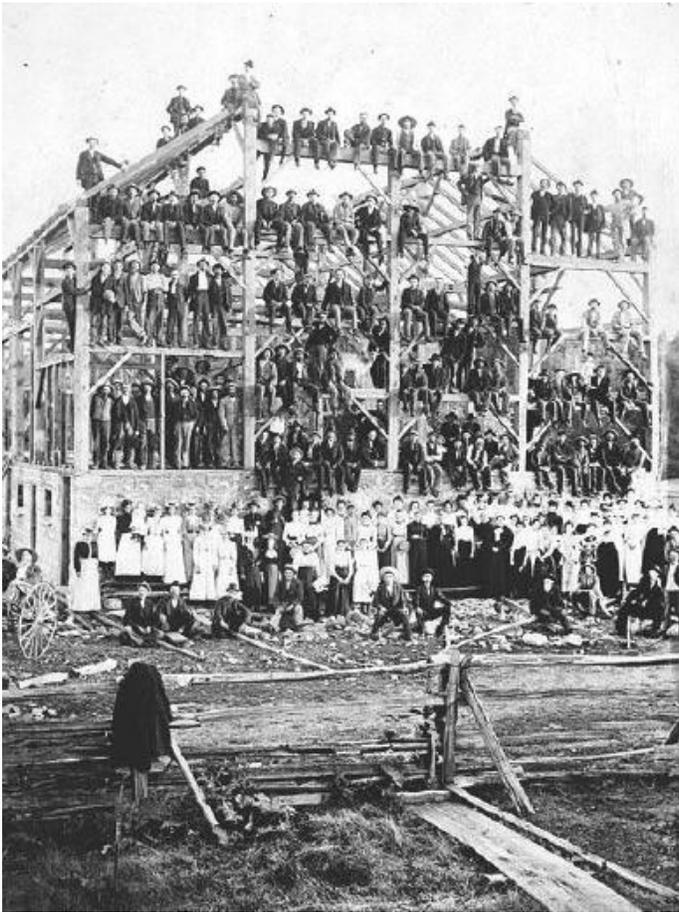


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April 17, 2016, 11 am

## ***Worship Through Poetry***

**Rev. Steven Epperson, UCV members and guest poets**

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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# How Sweet the Singing

- words & music by Joyce Poley

We sing a song to celebrate our days,  
A song of love, a grateful hymn of praise,  
We sing of friends, of families who care,  
The simple joys that catch us unaware.

And when we sing with open heart,  
And hear our voices ringing  
With joyful words that fill the air,  
How sweet, how sweet the singing!

We sing a song when darkness clouds our mind,  
A mournful song, an elegy sublime,  
We sing of faith, that even through our pain  
We know the dawn will surely come again.

And when we hear the holy sound  
Of voices softly ringing  
With tender words of healing grace,  
How sweet, how sweet the singing.

We sing a song for better days to come,  
A song of hope, a prayer for everyone,  
We sing of peace, and hear the call once more  
To be the change, the change we're longing for.

And when we hear the music rise  
In voices clearly ringing  
With mighty words to stir the soul,  
How sweet, how sweet the singing.

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# Now Is the Time

-words & music by Joyce Poley

Now is the time, now is the time,  
Now is the time to speak as one,  
Now is the time to take a stand  
For the good, for the common good.

Harmony I

We've got to do it right now, we've got to do it right now,  
We've got to do it, do it, do it right now, (2 times)

Harmony II

Ooo..... do it right now, (3 times)  
Do it, do it right now.

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## APRIL 10, 2016

**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. Children aged 4 through 12, enjoy our core program.

**ART THIS MONTH:** Developmental Disabilities Association. Artist Reception Friday, Apr. 15, 5—8 pm.

**LUNCH:** Deliciously prepared and served by the UCV Refugee Committee. Proceeds help us to bring refugee families to Canada and to assist those refugee families that are already here.

**FORUM:** 12:30 pm in Fireside Room. The federal government is conducting a preliminary public consultation on the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) with an April 30th deadline. Please attend our April 10th Forum at 12:30 pm in the Fireside Room for details and for assistance with making submissions. Bring your laptop or alternative device if possible.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW ADDRESS FOR UCV JOYS AND SORROWS EMAIL GROUP:** This group posts the weekly announcements read at the service from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns. It also lets you know about illnesses, memorials and even a few joys. If you would like to join this group, contact Connie (cwigmore1@shaw.ca). Those of you previously in the yahoo group will still be getting notifications. Thank you to Mary Bennett for getting this group switched over to Google Groups.

**UCV WILL HAVE AN OUTREACH BOOTH AT THIS YEAR'S PRIDE FESTIVAL** at Sunset Beach Park on Sunday, July 31, following the Pride Parade. We need about 20 good souls to represent the church as a warm, LGBTQ-friendly place that invites all people to express and explore their spirituality. Can you to commit to a two-hour chunk of that day, to help with morning set-up, staffing the booth, or afternoon take-down and clean-up? We need your ideas and enthusiasm to make this a success! Contact Nan Gregory, nangregory@shaw.ca or Geoff Rempel, g\_rempel@yahoo.com

**UCV BOOK BASH WILL BE HELD ON MAY 29** from 9 am to 1 pm. We have a great selection of books to suit every reader. Calling for volunteers to help on Friday, May 27, and Sat 28 from 10 – 4 pm and Sunday, 1 – 4 pm. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers will get the opportunity to buy books ahead of Sunday's sale and a lunch is served on Sat. Call Lindsay at 604-806-0221 or David at 604-319-5199.

**THANK-YOU VERY MUCH** for coming and enjoyed *Love Soup* last Sunday. We appreciate your continued big support and help! The next and the last of the season will be on Sunday, May 1. If you are still wondering about sharing your favorite soup or desert, please let me know.

–Amy Megumi Anderson, [nosredna6@shaw.ca](mailto:nosredna6@shaw.ca)

**THE UCV THIRD SUNDAY BOOK GROUP** will meet on Sunday, April 17 at 12:30 pm in Lindsey-Priestley room, Hewett Centre, to discuss the book *Too Close To the Falls* by Catherine Gildiner. It is a heartbreaking and wicked memoir set in Lewiston, N.Y. Full of stunning beauty, improbable friendships and brushes with death, Catherine explores the secrets at the heart of her extraordinary childhood. Everyone is welcome.

**URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR SUNDAY MORNING GREETING:**

We need an additional person for the 1st and for the 2nd Sundays of the month.

We ask that you arrive at 10:15 am to help with handing out the Order of Service, then after the collection you are free to go into the sanctuary to join in the service. Some assistance with tidying up after the service may be needed.

This is a great way to meet fellow members of the congregation and visitors, and to assist our community with just a small time commitment once a month.

For more information or to sign up, please contact: Denise, 604-731-7630, [djaynereida@hotmail.com](mailto:djaynereida@hotmail.com) or Margo, 604-276-1610, [margoe@telus.net](mailto:margoe@telus.net)

**NORTHWEST WILDERNESS SOCIETY:** Are you starting to think about making plans for those delicious lazy summer holidays!?! Do you dream of the tranquility of a fresh water lake amidst an informal community of fellow-nature worshippers? Do you yearn to experience the simple things in life with your family or friends? Come to Wilderness anytime between July 1 and August 31. For more information, please check the website [www.kootenaywildernesscamping.org](http://www.kootenaywildernesscamping.org), or email [info@kootenaywildernesscamping.org](mailto:info@kootenaywildernesscamping.org), or phone Mary at 604-435-9265. Brochures are available in Hewett Centre (under the Unitarian Camps area).

**APRIL 24 FORUM:** *Churches and Low-Income Housing*. Joan Seidl is President of the Board of the 127 Society for Housing, a non-profit society founded in 1981 by Vancouver Anglicans. The society currently houses 259 low income people, and soon will house 75 more. Joan's talk will discuss the challenges and opportunities of providing such housing, particularly under the aegis of a church.

**NEW U IN A DAY:** Interested in learning more about Unitarianism and the Unitarian Church of Vancouver?

Come to NEW U in a Day, Saturday, April 16, 9:15 am – 2:30 pm, Fireside Room. Coffee and muffins 9:00 am, lunch provided. Attendance encouraged prior to becoming a UCV member. Interested current members also welcome. Registration forms available at the Welcome Table or church office. Babysitting requests 2 weeks in advance. Questions, contact Dianne Crosbie at [dcrosbie@uniserve.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com) or the church office, 604-261-7204.

**APRIL MOVEABLE FEAST, APRIL 30 AT 6:00 PM:** Join us for a pub night at the Craft Beer Market (<http://www.craftbeermarket.ca/vancouver>, Salt Building at the Olympic Village) at 85 West 1st Avenue, Vancouver. Please RSVP to Gordon Gram, [gordongram@me.com](mailto:gordongram@me.com) to reserve your place at the table.

## ***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**

<b>COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS</b>	Ann Foster, Barbara Schafer, Amy Megumi Anderson
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Lorraine Calame
<b>LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL</b>	Kaelyn Elfert, Lindsay Udem
<b>LUNCH</b>	Refugee Ctte
<b>ORDER OF SERVICE</b>	Hunter MacNiven
<b>SOUND</b>	Galen Elfert
<b>GREETERS</b>	Margo Elfert, Denise Nereida, Paul Prescod, Sakura Nandana
<b>WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE</b>	Wendy Bryan, Philomene Jahnke

### **STAFF**

<b>PARISH MINISTER</b>	Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>COMMUNITY MINISTER</b>	Rev. Laura Imayoshi
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<b>SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS</b>	Virginia Crabill
<b>UCV LAY CHAPLAINS</b>	Robert Schultz, Randall McKinnon 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