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Worship Through Poetry

- Rev. Steven Epperson with Kevin Spent, and Renee Saklikar, Emily Davidson and UCV Members -

- April 17, 2016 -

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

April 17, 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

Whither Must I Wander? R. V. Williams / R. Louis Stevenson
L'Heure Exquise Reynaldo Hahn / Paul Verlaine
Laila, Laila M. Zeira / N. Alterman
The Lark Mikhail Glinka/ Kukolnick
Take Me Home Country Roads John Denver
with members of the Chalice Choir
E. Dainow, piano

Invocation

Let Me Find Some Quiet Place D. Clevenger
with the Chalice Choir

Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours

Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Opening Hymn #298

Wake, Now, My Senses

Story for All Ages

read by Rev. Steven Epperson

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

Welcome and Announcements

Patti Turner

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns

Patti Turner

Offering

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

Blues for a Green Boy Don Macdonald*
with members of the Chalice Choir

Meditation, spoken then silent

Rev. Steven Epperson

Musical Response

Pussy Willows, Cat-tails G. Lightfoot, arr. L. Nickel
with the Chalice Chair

Worship Through Poetry in Three Parts

Part I: The Divine in Great and Small

Poems by Kevin Spent**, *i thank you god... (ee cummings)* read by Mary Bennett, *In Heaven* Karl Perrin, *The Hummingbird and the Ladder* Keith Wilkinson

Part II: Seasons and Nature and Stages

Poems by Renee Saklikar***, *Love Thine Enemy* Oonagh Berry, *The Emperor of Ice Cream* (Wallace Stevens) read by Way Kent, *Settling In* Christopher Levenson, *In the Darkness of Winter* Jennifer Getsinger

Part III: The Road

Poems by Emily Davidson****, *A Vagabond Song* (Bliss Carmen) read by Dawn Stewart, *With You – 2006*, Thelma Mulholland, *Fisher Price Dreams, Main and Hastings* Michael Clague, *Mountain Retreat* Rev. Phillip Hewett

Closing Hymn #163

For the Earth Forever Turning

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.*

* Don Macdonald has a varied musical background as a performer, conductor, educator and composer. He is currently heads the composition department at Selkirk College in Nelson. Composition credits include scores for award winning film and television. He has received two Genie nominations and 5 Leo nominations for his work in Canadian film and his score for “Fido” won the prize for best soundtrack at the Gerardmer Film Festival in France.

**Kevin Spent, a pushcart poetry nominee, is the author of *Jabbering with Bing Bong* (Anvil Press) and *Ignite* (Anvil Press).

***Renee Saklikar is the new Poet Laureate of Surrey, a grad of UBC (law) and SFU (creative writing) and writes long poems and poems about bees.

****Emily Davidson is a writer from Saint John, New Brunswick. A classmate of Kevin's, she completed her MFA in Creative Writing at UBC.

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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Next Sunday Service: April 24, 2016, 11 am

Ancestors of the Future – Our Role in a Climate – Changes World

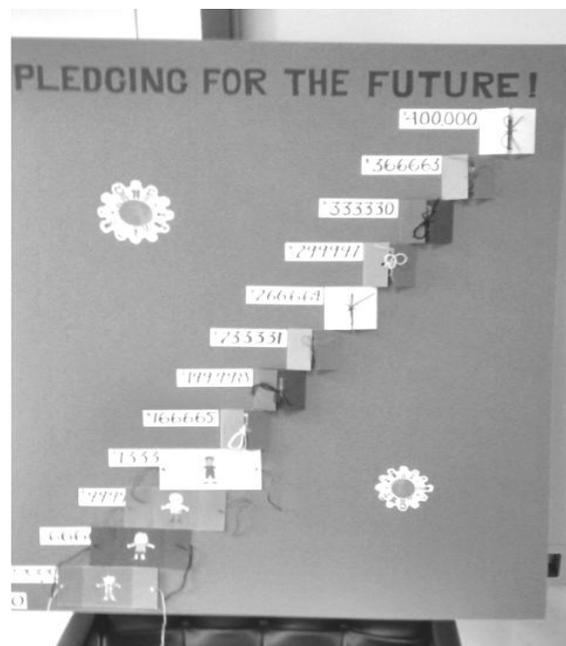
Anneliese Schulz and the Environment Committee

music: Arnt Atzen

APRIL 17, 2016

2016 PLEDGE CANVASS IS UNDERWAY!

Our kick-off last Sunday was a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped make that happen. \$135,000 has been pledged by our generous donors—4 windows open on our poster! Today the Youth Group will entertain everyone with a great skit and I look forward to seeing you after the service in the Lindsay Priestley room to make your pledge, if you haven't already done so. Thank you for your support and your generosity.—*Liz Monrad*



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 Environment Committee. Proceeds help to fund committee efforts to raise environmental awareness both at the church and in the community at large.

THE UCV THIRD SUNDAY BOOK GROUP will meet today 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.

FORUM: *Canadian Unitarian Council: What to expect at the 2016 AGM.* Come to discuss a proposed new vision and aspirations for Canadian Unitarian Universalists, the question of how CUC should be funded, what follow-up action we should take on past resolutions, and the deeper questions of how the CUC is important for all of us, and what we can do to keep it vibrant.

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 welcomes all people to express and explore their spirituality. Thanks to the 3 who have volunteered so far! Will you 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.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR PHOTO LAST WEEK in support of all genders! The video is complete and can be viewed at https://youtube.com/watch?v=ajns3_iidr0

NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED JUNE 30 FOR UCV MEMORIAL SERVICES RECEPTIONS: Over the past nine years, with a very capable and dedicated group of volunteers, I have helped to coordinate the receptions we hold after our memorial services (approx 6 per year on average). This rewarding position will suit someone who has had UCV kitchen experience, and who enjoys working with volunteers. Training happily provided. Please call Betty, 604-874-1153, or email bettybronson@shaw.ca if you are interested. My fellow volunteers - you've been the best!

HOOTENANNY FOR HOMES: Sunday, May 1, 7–9:30 pm, Unitarian Church of Vancouver Singalong and raise your voices with Solidarity Notes Labour Choir and many of their musical friends. MC: BC MLA Melanie Mark. Co-sponsored by the Social Justice Committee, this event is a fundraiser for Raise the Rates, UCV's Refugee Committee and Solidarity Notes. Tickets available from Solidarity Notes choir members or at the door: \$15 or pay what you can.

BAKED GOODS AND SAVORY TREATS FOR HOOTENANNY FOR HOMES – Sunday, May 1
We welcome contributions of baked goods and savory treats for the Hootenanny on May 1st. This is a fundraiser (see notice above) so proceeds of sales will help support these worthy causes. Please contact Hanno Pinder (hannopinder@gmail.com) or Leslie Kemp (lkemp@telus.net) if you are able to contribute treats for the Hootenanny.

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 or Margo, 604-276-1610, 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, or email info@kootenaywildernesscamping.org, or phone Mary Lage 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.

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 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

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	Environment Ctte
ORDER OF SERVICE	Hunter MacNiven
SOUND	Kaelyn Elfert
GREETERS	Jane Sutherland, Shirley McLeod, Carolyn Grant, Denise Nereida
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Naomi Taylor, Nancy Strider

STAFF

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SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS	Virginia Crabill
UCV LAY CHAPLAINS	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