



***For the Sake of Love:
Unitarians and the Saga of Inter-faith Marriage***

Rev. Steven Epperson

- February 14, 2016 - 11:00 am -

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

February 14, 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

It Could Happen to You
I Thought About You
Tennessee Waltz
It Had To Be You

Johnny Burke & Jimmy Van Heusen
Johnny Mercer & Jimmy Van Heusen
Redd Stewart & Pee Wee King
Gus Kahn & Isham Jones
with H.Hansen, B. Clausen & L. Mollerup*

Invocation

Come and Find the Quiet Centre
with the Chalice Choir

Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Opening Hymn #6

Just as Long as I Have Breath

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.

What'll I Do? Irving Berlin **
with H.Hansen, B. Clausen & L. Mollerup

Meditation, spoken then silent

Musical Response *Roses I Send to You* S. Chatman
with the Chalice Choir



Sermon

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Closing Hymn #1068

Rising Green

Closing Words

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Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Valediction

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

Postlude

They Can't Take That Away From Me George & Ira Gershwin
Too Marvellous For Words Johnny Mercer & Richard Whiting
with H.Hansen, B. Clausen & L. Mollerup

* I am pleased today to welcome Helen Hanse (who I met through a music club), Bruce Clausen and Laurence Mollerup. Helen graduated from the Royal Conservatory in Toronto and then became a classroom teacher and only in retirement became interested in jazz. She will soon be performing at Frankie's Italian Restaurant on Beatty St. Laurence presently teaches in the Faculty of Jazz Studies of the Capilano Music Dep't. and has also worked in classical music with symphony orchestras and choirs. Bruce was both a classical and jazz musician, and then taught Greek and Latin at UBC. He is now retired, but has recently learned to play the violin and is in the orchestra at Brock House.

** Irving Berlin created quite a stir by marrying outside his faith in 1926. His marriage to Ellin Mackay, daughter of the president of the Postal Telegraph Company and the Commercial Cable Company, evoked much comment. He was the son of Russian Jewish immigrants and Ellin was Catholic. It was rumored that special permission for the marriage was obtained from the Pope on condition that children born to them would be reared in the Catholic faith.

February 14, 2016, 11 am

You Too Can Minister to Anyone, Anywhere **Visiting UU Minister**

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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FEBRUARY 14, 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 AT UCV: Feb 1 - 28, Karen Brumelle, *Gratitude, Paintings and Collages of the Natural World*. Silent Auction in the Fireside Room continues until February 28 at noon. All money earned in this room for UCV Refugee Committee.

UCV LIBRARY BOOKS RELATED TO THE SERMON: A couple of related books include *Courage for Dialogue: Ecumenical Issues in Inter-Religious Relationships*, by S. J. Samartha, 1981; and *What is Marriage for? The Strange Social History of Our Most Intimate Institution*, by E. J. Graff, 1999.

FORUM: *Singing Our Hearts - Love Songs and Other Songs We Love*. Special Visitor and UCV Snowbird Member - Karaoke Queen Marlene Travis from California.

RandallMackinnon@yahoo.ca for questions and requests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEVEN MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS: *UCV member Stanley Tromp would like to start a course of introduction to the seven major world religions. If you are interested, please meet him for a planning session in Biddle Room at 12:30 today.*

A LIST OF CHAIRPERSONS FOR UCV Committees, Groups and Functions is now online. You can link to it from the People...Groups...Committees page on UCV Notes.

UCV CAPPING IT OFF! CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: THE ROMANCE OF GIVING!

As we were reminded at our wonderful concert on February 6th, our Sanctuary resonates with the romance of music and song for our members and for people from throughout Vancouver. On this Valentines Sunday we are reminded of the romance of giving and exchange, both practical and whimsical and, well, romantic. Our congregation is ensuring that our romance with this place, and with this community can carry on by supporting the capital campaign. Our new roof and new skylights will cost about \$200,000. We have raised close to \$100,000. Every additional contribution that is made ensures that we will have to draw less on church reserves to complete the job, leaving precious money for unexpected expenditures and other capital priorities. Thank you for your contributions to date. Capital campaign volunteers will be welcoming additional donations in Hewett Hall after the service.



BILLETING, A WAY OF BUILDING COMMUNITY: Please consider offering a bed to one or two visitors attending the national CUC conference at UBC, May 20-23. If you are interested, contact Connie Wigmore (cwigmore1@shaw.ca, 604-879-6243)

LAST SUNDAY'S LOVE SOUP WAS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL AND HAPPY LUNCH HOUR! Thank you very much for your continued support and help! March 6 will be the next date. If you would like to share your favorite soup or dessert, you are always welcome.—*Amy Megumi Anderson, nosredna6@shaw.ca*

GET STRETCHY, STRONG AND RELAXED AT YIN / YANG YOGA:

Monday eves, 7—8 pm; Jan 18—Feb 29, 2016

Cost: \$70 for 7 classes /\$15 drop-in /or a donation. No one turned away for lack of funds.

Classes: Yoga principle/practice for all level/ages/body types include: Meditation, Pranayama, physical postures, Savasana. Teacher: Philippa Syme, certified in Hatha, Yin, Chair, Restorative Yoga. 604-222-1533, appili@shaw.ca

THE THIRD SUNDAY BOOK GROUP meets next Sunday to discuss *American Exodus: Climate Change and the Coming Flight for Survival*, by award winning author and UCV member Giles Slade. Join us on February 21 at 12:30 pm in Lindsey-Priestley to share your views about what Giles argues will be a long period of global desperation characterized by human migration on an unprecedented scale. We will consider how we can act now to safeguard our shelter of last resort. Everyone welcome.

UCV COVENANT GROUPS are reforming for 2016. Each group of 7—10 people explore questions that are spiritual, soulful or ethical nature, in an atmosphere of respect, confidentiality, and non-judgment. Three different groups will meet from 1—2:30 pm at UCV on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. There will be room for newcomers in each of the groups, especially those on the 4th Sundays. To join or for info, please contact Nan Gregory nangregory@shaw.ca or Keith Wilkinson kwilk1@telus.net

FEB 28 FORUM: *The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)* is the topic of our Feb 28th Forum with Harjap Grewal, Regional Organizer for Council of Canadians, who will speak about the TPP and whether it serves the public interest. 12:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee.

NEEDED: Volunteers to help with the fun *Green Tea Sunday*, May 22, following the meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Women's Association at the CUC convention at UBC. Please contact Jenny Podlecki, jpodlecki@shaw.ca or phone 604-737-7794



WOMEN'S ART SHOW—BEYOND THE SURFACE—MARCH, 2016: Opening March 5 1pm-3pm; celebratory circle dance 3:30-5:30pm. More info on Arts Bulletin board in hall.

DINNER WITH FRIENDS: Feb. 20 You have options! To host or join a potluck Circle Dinner contact Theresa Marion, 604-687-4864 or tmarion3@yahoo.com. To join Patti and Mary for Hygge (look it up) dinner, register with maryinvancouver@gmail.com \$25 - net proceeds to UCV Labyrinth fund. For details on social dinners, go here: <http://ucvnotes.vancouverunitarians.ca/category/dinners/> All welcome.

UPCOMING MOVEABLE FEAST, FEBRUARY 27TH will be held at the New India Buffet & Restaurant, 805 West Broadway, corner of Willow, <http://www.newindiabuffet.com/dinner.htm>. Everyone is welcome to join us for good food and good conversation at 6:00 pm. RSVP to Dianne Crosbie at dcrosbie@uniserve.com so we can save a seat for you.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

DON'T AGONIZE, ORGANIZE/DOWNSIZE: Transitioning to a new chapter in life can be very overwhelming for many people and their families. With a little planning and preparation, downsizing can be a liberating and rewarding experience. Join us to learn stress free strategies for saving money and letting go of unwanted stuff. The Unitarian Church of Vancouver is pleased to welcome Ranka Burzan, professional organizer and author, presenting this workshop. This session is free and light refreshments will be served. Suitable for all ages. 11 am, March 3, Unitarian Church of Vancouver. For more information please contact Karon Shear at 604-732-1555, karon@jsalliance.org.

WORLD FEDERALISTS Executive Director Fergus Watt from Ottawa will be speaker at our monthly third Thursday meeting, Feb 18 at 7:30 pm. *Opportunities with New Government*. PM Justin Trudeau has signed the UN Parliamentary Assembly project. All welcome. No charge. —Duncan Graham, 604-306-5785





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Happy Valentine's Day

February 14, 2016

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	Tara MacNiven
SOUND	Galen Elfert
GREETERS	Margo Elfert, Denise Nereida, Paul Prescod, Elizabeth Murdoch, Sakura Nandana
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Karen Brumelle, Paul Wright

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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

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