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## ***What We're (not) Talking About, When We're Talking About God***

Rev. Steven Epperson

- January 10, 2016 - 11:00 am -

# UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

## Celebration of Worship

## January 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**

Multi-faith Medley of Hymns to God  
arr. E. Dainow  
E. Dainow, piano

### **Invocation**

*Ubi Caritas\**  
with the Chalice Choir

### **Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours**

Rev. Steven Epperson

### **Kindling the Chalice Flame**

### **Opening Hymn #347**

*Gather the Spirit*

### **Story for All Ages**

read by Rev. Steven Epperson

Let sing the children out: “*Go now...*”

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Jennifer Podlecki

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

Jennifer Podlecki

### **Offering**

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

*God's Song* Randy Newman  
E. Dainow, voice and piano

### **Meditation, spoken then silent**

Rev. Steven Epperson

### **Musical Response**

*Credo\*\** from Missa Brevis pro Serveto  
by T. Stokes, with Latin text by Rev. F. Dearman  
with the Chalice Choir

**Sermon**

*What We're (not) Talking About, When We're Talking About God*  
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**Closing Hymn #27**

*I am That Great and Fiery Force*

**Benediction/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame**

**Valediction**

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

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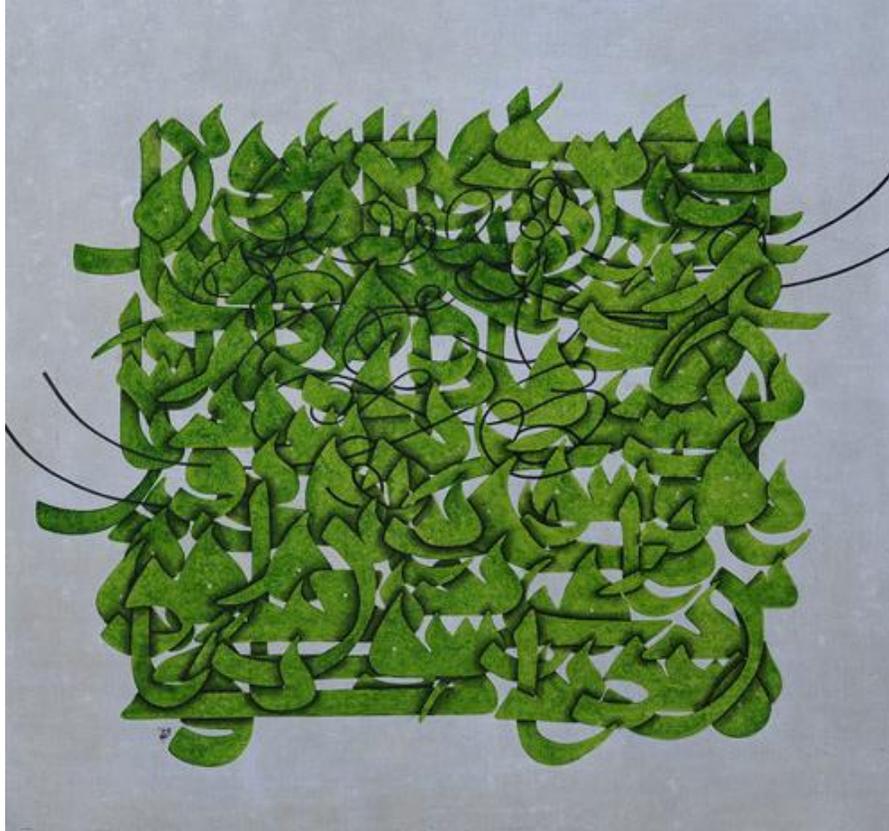


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**January 17, 2016, 11 am**

***Melancholy: When Down Can be Up***

**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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\* Ubi Caritas  
*Where charity and love are, God is there.*

\*\* Credo  
*What do I know of the world?  
What does a fish know of water?  
What knows a bird of the air?  
Nothing but weather, nothing but waves.  
Nothing comes from nothing;  
I am born from the earth, from air and fire,  
from water and stars.  
And my life, which I owe to nature,  
being mortal, I shall return to the earth.  
I believe in spirit, breathing upon the waters.  
I believe in lovingkindness.  
I believe in life.*



## **This House of Music ... "Capping it Off"**

Saturday, February 6th, 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary at 49th and Oak.

UCV has been a spiritual and musical home in the city for the past 50 years. This concert in support of the fundraising campaign to raise money to replace the roofs on the buildings of this cherished space will feature a number of musicians who love this space for its warm ambiance and fabulous acoustics. Performers include Brian Tate, Richard Tyce, Paul Nash, eRatica, Stephen Aberle, Elektra Women's Choir, Elliot Dainow and the Chalice Choir under the direction of Donna Brown. **Advance tickets are \$20** through Brown Paper Tickets

(<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2477691>) or after services in the Hall on Sundays during January.

**Tickets at the door are \$25/each**

## JANUARY 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.

**UCV LIBRARY BOOKS RELATED TO THE SERMON:** A few related books are *The God Delusion*, by Richard Dawkins, 2006; *God: A Biography*, by Jack Miles, 1995; and *A History of God: The 4,000 Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity and Islam*, by Karen Armstrong, 1993.

**ART AT UCV:** In the Sanctuary, Jan 3 – 31. *Quilting Queens*. Showing traditional to contemporary design for small and large projects. This group has been meeting twice a month for over 16 years. In the Fireside Room, Elizabeth Shefrin. Small Quilts reflecting the Arab and Jewish Situation.

**FORUM:** 12:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Program Coordinating Council. *Annual Program Reports*. The Forum will provide an opportunity for programs and committees to provide a verbal report, elaborate on their written Annual Report, and respond to questions and suggestions from members. This will give all the opportunity to discuss programs that a packed AGM did not.—*Randall MacKinnon 604-263-4332, UnitarianCV@yahoo.ca*

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:** All are welcome to attend our environment committee meeting today, Jan 10th, 12:30-1:30 pm in Lindsey-Priestley. We are a group of a dozen or so UCV members and friends who are active in various ways at the church and beyond. The meeting includes a check-in with people sharing information and events they are involved in.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE UCV BOARD IS URGENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS** to help keep our website up to date. Knowledge of WordPress is helpful. Former website editors will help with the transition. One to two hours per month. Please email John Smith and/or George Atherton at [web@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:web@vancouverunitarians.ca) if you are interested in helping out.

**UCV COMMITTEE CHAIRS** who want anything posted online beyond the scope of an announcement in the Order of Service or a notice in UCV Events can designate a person familiar with WordPress to contact the web editors – [web@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:web@vancouverunitarians.ca) – and ask for an author account on UCV Notes.

The web editors, John Smith and George Atherton, are resigning and will not be making such posts for groups or committees after February 1, 2016.

**TRUTH, HEALING AND RECONCILIATION LEARNING EXPERIENCE:** Tuesdays, January 12 to Tuesday, February 2, 7 to 9:30 pm, Fireside Room. We invite you to join us in this 4-session pilot of the CUC's Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Reflection Guides for adults. We ask that people commit to all 4 sessions. These sessions will be facilitated by Rev. Meg Roberts and Leslie Kemp, members of the CUC's THRR Task Force. For more information please contact Leslie at 604-738-1653. Please register by contacting Tara at 604-261-7204

**JANUARY CIRCLE DINNER--SAVE THE DATE:** Please join fellow Unitarians for a post-holiday circle dinner on Saturday, January 16. This is a potluck event hosted in members' homes, generally with 6-8 people attending in each home. It's an opportunity to get to know people more intimately, and to share food and conversation. If you're interested in hosting or attending, or being added to the contact list for future circle dinners, please contact Theresa Marion, 604-687-4864 or tmarion3@yahoo.com.

**A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM LOVE SOUP:** *Love Soup* will be on January 17. If you would like to share your delicious soup and yummy dessert, you will be loved by all of us! Any help, small or large, will be very 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

**BUMBLEBERRY SUNDAES AND BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY JANUARY 24:**

Take a chance and invite a friend or neighbour Jan 24. They may discover they've always been a Unitarian but didn't know it. After the service, the New U Committee will be serving Bumbleberry Sundaes with juicy berries picked last summer.

**NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION:** During the worship service January 24 there will be a short recognition ceremony for those who have recently joined the UCV. We encourage all new members to attend. For further information contact Dianne Crosbie [dcrosbie@uniserve.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com) or the church office 604-261-7204.

**ACTIVE HOPE STUDY GROUP:** 4 sessions in Fireside Room, 7—9 pm, Jan 27, Feb 10, 24, Mar 9, discussing the book, *Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We're in Without Going Crazy* by Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone. Pre-registration required - space may be limited. RSVP or questions to Lynn Armstrong, lynnbea@gmail.com, 778-835-2546. Co-sponsored by Environment and Social Justice Committees.

**JUNG STUDY GROUP:** Anyone interested in pursuing the Jung Study Group as a once-monthly book club this winter should contact Sandra Slade, 604-277-1925, [sandra.slade@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.slade@gmail.com). We could look at Jung's *Four Archetypes* which many of you will have already purchased and read.

**THE FIRST UCV MOVABLE FEAST FOR 2016** will be held at Arriva Ristorante Italiano on January 30th. Located at 1537 Commercial Drive (1 ½ blocks north of East 1st Ave.) this is in the original Italian heart of Commercial Drive. NOTE early start time 5:00 pm due to other events that night. RSVP Karen Bartlett at [Karen.bartlett@ubc.ca](mailto:Karen.bartlett@ubc.ca) so we can have seats for everyone.

**NEW COVENANT GROUP TO EXPLORE THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS RELATED TO CLIMATE CHANGE:** The group will meet on the first Wednesday of the month (Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 2, Apr 6 and May 4), from 6:30–8 pm at Waves coffee shop on Columbia (715 Columbia) in New Westminster, 2 blocks from the New West Skytrain Station. Facilitators: Teresa Morton, Mary Bennett and Keith Wilkinson (Co-sponsored by Beacon Climate Change Task Force & UCV Covenant Groups.)

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. There will be room for newcomers in each of the groups, especially those on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. To join or for info, please contact Nan Gregory [nangregory@shaw.ca](mailto:nangregory@shaw.ca) or Keith Wilkinson [kwilk1@telus.net](mailto:kwilk1@telus.net).

**COFFEE VOLUNTEER:** Hi Everyone! I'm currently looking for a volunteer to assist in serving coffee on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month from 11:45 am—1:30 pm. Please contact Adele at 604-603-8593 or [ah.dell@hotmail.com](mailto:ah.dell@hotmail.com). Your help is greatly appreciated! Thank you.

**WOMEN'S ART SHOW—BEYOND THE SURFACE—MARCH, 2016:** Women artists are invited to submit by January 31 for this group show. Guidelines and application form on Arts Committee Bulletin board, on web at <http://tinyurl.com/ucvart> or from Laura at [laurabowie@hotmail.com](mailto:laurabowie@hotmail.com)

**FREMLIN LABYRINTH:** We planted some crocuses—and the squirrels dug them up and ate them. We plan to persevere but also diversify—if you have snowdrops, grape hyacinths or daffodil bulbs to share, please bring for Mary and Patti. Evidently squirrels only like tulips and crocuses. We'd also appreciate dog hair to put on the labyrinth garden. We're told that keeps the squirrels away.

## ***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>	Tara MacNiven
<b>SOUND</b>	Galen Elfert
<b>GREETERS</b>	Margo Elfert, Denise Nereida, Paul Prescod, Elizabeth Murdoch, Sakura Nandana
<b>WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE</b>	Eleanore Dunn, Nancy Barker

### **STAFF**

<b>PARISH MINISTER</b>	Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>COMMUNITY MINISTER</b>	Rev. Laura Imayoshi
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<b>CONGREGATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR</b>	Ravina Sangara
<b>OFFICE ASSISTANT / BOOKINGS</b>	Tara MacNiven
<b>SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS</b>	Virginia Crabill, John Omielan Robert Schultz, Randall McKinnon
<b>UCV LAY CHAPLAINS</b>	Nan Gregory, Nicola Hamilton, Sherry King

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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*

The UCV campus is a Smoke-Free Environment