



(Some) of Unitarianism's Best Ideas

Rev. Steven Epperson

- January 24, 2016 - 11:00 am -

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

January 24, 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 Hymn Supplement Medley arr. & played by E. Dainow

Invocation *Come, Come Whoever You Are* L.A. Ungar
with the Chalice Choir

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Opening Hymn #131 *Love Will Guide Us*

New Member Recognition:

Lynn Armstrong	Michael Bomford	David Buchanan	Arlene Fox
Olivia Hall	Stefanie Jones	Diana Lambrou	James Lavoie
Liz Monrad	Kiersten Moore	Emily Newhouse	Erica Olson

Litany of Welcome and Affirmation

The Congregation: We welcome you as new members to our religious community. We will gladly walk with you in a common journey to deepen our spiritual and ethical lives. May that journey together be a fulfilling experience for all of us. May it bring the aims and ideals we share more fully to realization in our lives.

New Members: We thank you for welcoming us this day as we embark on membership in the Unitarian Church of Vancouver. We seek to learn explore, serve, and celebrate in this community. We promise to join with you to achieve the mission and vision of this congregation.

All: The Unitarian Church of Vancouver celebrates the diversity and shared values of its members. We cherish our freedom and openness to truth. We will support each other in our quest for meaning and justice. We will support each other in times of joy, sorrow, and need. Together may we deepen and celebrate our life in community, and help flourish the quality of life for all.

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

Welcome and Announcements

Kathy Sayers

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

Kathy Sayers

Offering

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

January Tchaikovsky
played by E. Dainow

Meditation, spoken then silent

Rev. Steven Epperson

Musical Response

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

Sermon

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Closing Hymn #6

Just As Long As I Have Breath

Benediction/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.*

* Holy the earth and blessed is our peace.

January 31, 2016, 11 am

The Story of UCV's Chinese Name **Lily Ha, Kwan Lihuen, and Keith Wilkinson**

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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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: 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.

UCV LIBRARY BOOKS RELATED TO THE SERMON: A few books to consider are *A Who's Who of U.U.s.: A Deluxe Compendium of Prominent and Famous Universalists and Unitarians*, by Gwen Foss, 1995; *If Yes is the Answer, What is the Question?*, by George Kimmich Beach, 1995; and *With Purpose and Principle: Essays About the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism*, edited by Edward A. Frost, 1998.

BUMBLEBERRY SUNDAE IS TODAY: After the service, the New U Committee will be serving Bumbleberry Sundaes with juicy berries picked last summer.

FORUM: *That Lonely Section of Hell*: Lori Shenher discusses Vancouver's dark history with missing and murdered women and the hopes for the national inquiry. Prodigal UCV member and writer Lori Shenher will discuss the recent announcement of the national inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women through the context of his book *That Lonely Section of Hell: The Botched Investigation of a Serial Killer Who Almost Got Away*. Lori will share how his journey through depression and anxiety brought on by a post traumatic stress injury led him to embrace his identity as a transgender man and staunch feminist eager to confront a broken police culture and speak out in support of vulnerable women.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CANVASS TORCH IS BEING PASSED: Please welcome **Liz Monrad** as UCV's new Chair of the Canvass Committee! Pledging provides 70% of our revenues, so we are all immensely grateful to Liz for stepping up to the pledging plate. But she needs lots of help! Liz is learning about the Canvass from past chairs and helpers, and needs your support in whatever way you can help out-- small, medium or large contributions are all happily accepted! Please sign up today (clipboards will be passed around) and/or contact Liz at lizmonrad@shaw.ca.

FORUM SUN, JAN 31: *Bolder Ways of Being*: We boldly invite you to participate! with Leslie Kemp, Keith Wilkinson and CUC conference committee members. Did you know that the Canadian Unitarian Council's 2016 National Conference will take place at UBC Friday, May 20 to Sunday, May 22? The conference is being hosted by the four Lower Mainland BC congregations. The conference encourages better connections among UUs, greater public awareness and deepening spirituality. Find out how to participate.

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.

THE UCV BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS

that if you want to have an item on the agenda for the monthly board meetings, which occur the third Tuesday of every month, that you please submit it to the Board President in writing no later than one week prior to the board meeting. All forms available online <http://ucvnotes.vancouverunitarians.ca/category/board-of-trustees>.

With many thanks.”

BOARD APPROVAL FOR EVENTS, PROGRAMS, AND ACTIVITIES: Approval from the Board of Trustees is required **before** any UCV event, ARE program, or political activity sponsored or co-sponsored by UCV takes place. See the latest Board of Trustees post on UCV Notes.

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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

WOODCUT WORKSHOP Feb 6 at Beaumont Studios, 316 W. 5th Ave (upstairs) from 10 – 1 pm. Tools and materials provided. Instructor and artist, Carol Mcuaid. Please contact Chris Pearce at 604-733-8065, ppearce@shaw.ca or Carde Pungente, 604-737-1825, pungente_1@hotmail.com. Maximum of 6 people. Sponsored by the UCV Arts Ctte.

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.

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR AN OPENING RECEPTION OF KAREN BRUMELLE'S ART which will be held Friday, February 5, 7—9 pm with live music by Michael Dunn, Eleanore Dunn, and Joe Bouchier. Come view paintings in the sanctuary and a silent auction in the Fireside Room to benefit the Refugee Committee of the Unitarian Church.

FEBRUARY CIRCLE DINNER: Saturday, February 20, 6 pm. This is a potluck event hosted in members' homes, generally with 6 – 8 people attending. Get to know people more intimately and share food and conversation. Contact Theresa Marion, 604-687-4864 or tmarion3@yahoo.com if you would like to sign up.

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 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 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month. There will be room for newcomers in each of the groups, especially those on the 3rd and 4th Sundays. To join or for info, please contact Nan Gregory nangregory@shaw.ca or Keith Wilkinson kwilk1@telus.net.

THE THIRD SUNDAY BOOK GROUP meets Sunday, February 21 at 12:30 pm in the Lindsey-Priestley Room, Hewett Centre, to discuss the book *American Exodus: Climate Change and the Coming Flight for Survival*, by award winning author and UCV member Giles Slade. This is a compelling cautionary work about how we may yet survive the coming century of climatic change. Giles will join us to discuss his work. Everyone welcome.

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

LOVE SOUP LAST SUNDAY WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL! Thank you very much for your continued support and help! Next *Love Soup* will be Sunday, February 7. If you would like to share your favorite soup and dessert, we will be very happy!—*Amy Megumi Anderson*, nosredna6@shaw.ca

LAST FRIDAY CAFÉ: January 29th. *Fast Food for Thought*, 5 pm to 7 pm. If you wish, bring some fast food and a portable electronic device. Open Mike and Karaoke - from 7 to 9 pm. Submit suggestions for songs at UnitarianCoV@gmail.com

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



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

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLIMATE CHANGE COVENANT GROUP: Do you have thoughts and feelings about climate change that you need a safe, respectful place to share with others who are also concerned? Covenant groups are "mostly listening" and this one has been designed by Mary Bennett and Teresa Morton as a place to listen to each other around this important issue. While it will culminate in a group project, it is more about hearing each other, and ourselves, than it is about doing. It meets 6:30-8pm at Waves Coffee Shop 715 Columbia on the first Wednesday. New members are welcome February 3 and then the group will close to new members. Contact teresa.a.morton@gmail.com for further information or to RSVP. Info on the group can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/unitarian-environment>

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.

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UCV LAY CHAPLAINS

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