



Mural of Lao Tzu, at Gore and Pender Streets, Vancouver, designed by Kenson Seto, painted by Ali Li and Falk, October 2010. Photo by Keith Wilkinson, 2014. (Vandalized, 2015.)

The inscription reads: "It takes knowledge to understand others, but it takes a clear mind to know oneself. It takes strength to surpass others, but it requires a strong will to surpass oneself. – Lao Tzu

## *Xundaohui 寻道会 – Seekers of the Way: How UCV Came to Choose A Chinese Name*

Lily Ha, Kwan Lihuen, and Keith Wilkinson

- January 31, 2016 - 11:00 am -

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# UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

## Celebration of Worship

### January 31, 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**

*Yi People Dancing* trad. Southwest China  
performed by Sonia Liu, Chinese zither\*

#### **Opening Words**

Cole Harris and friends

#### **Greeting Our Neighbours**

#### **Kindling the Chalice Flame**

Eric Chen  
*Axe Handles* Gary Snyder  
read by Keith Wilkinson

#### **Opening Hymn #187**

*Grieve Not Your Heart*

#### **Story for All Ages**

*Share the Sky* adapted by Lila Ha  
read by Nan Gregory

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

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

Jenny Podlecki

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

Jenny Podlecki

#### **Offering**

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

*High Mountain and River\*\**  
performed by Sonia Liu, Chinese zither

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

Keith Wilkinson

#### **Musical Response**

*Fishing Boat in the Evening*  
performed by Sonia Liu, Chinese zither

#### **Homily**

*How UCV Came to Choose a Chinese Name*  
Lily Ha and Keith Wilkinson

**Closing Hymn #318**

*We Would Be One*

**Closing Words**

from Confucius, *Book of Rites*  
Keith Wilkinson, Lily Ha

**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**

*Lion Dancing* trad. New Year Song  
performed by Sonia Liu, Chinese zither

We welcome today Sonia Liu, who was born in Taiwan and has been playing traditional Chinese zither for many years. Sonia has an Art degree from Taipei and also Musicianship Certificate at Douglas College. She has been teaching Chinese zither for over 20 years, has a music studio "Crystal Guzeng Center", in Crystal Mall, Burnaby, and performs in many venues in Metro Vancouver. (She can be reached at [crystal.guzeng@hotmail.com](mailto:crystal.guzeng@hotmail.com), phone number 604-818-8566.)

\*\* Great mountains symbolize the virtue of righteous men who remain steadfast in adversity and temptation, whereas the river symbolizes the softer character of the feminine. It can also express the emotions of meeting a friend who understands the strength and sensitivity of one's character and thoughts.

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February 7, 2016, 11 am

## ***Honour before Glory: Canada's Black Battalion*** **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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*ucvevents@gmail.com* Please include your name

## JANUARY 31, 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.

**WE WILL BE HAVING A JOLLY WASSAIL** after service today to wake up the apple trees and look forward to another year of growing!. All are welcome, and the children are making it happen. Please join us after right after service for about 20 minutes.

**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 couple of somewhat related books are *Roadside Religion: In Search of the Sacred, Strange, and the Substance of Faith*, by Timothy K. Beal, 2005; and *In the Eye of the China Storm: A Life Between East and West*, by Paul T. K. Lin with Eileen Chen Lin, 2011.

**FORUM:** *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.

## 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](mailto:lizmonrad@shaw.ca).

**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.

<http://ucvnotes.vancouverunitarians.ca/category/board-of-trustees/>

**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](mailto:cwigmore1@shaw.ca), 604-879-6243)

### **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](mailto:appili@shaw.ca)

**WOODCUT WORKSHOP:** Feb 6 at Beaumont Studios, 316 W. 5th Ave (upstairs) from 10 am – 1 pm. Tools and materials provided. Instructor and artist, Carol Mcuaid. Please contact Chris Pearce at 604-733-8065, [ppearce@shaw.ca](mailto:ppearce@shaw.ca) or Carde Pungente, 604-737-1825, [pungente\\_1@hotmail.com](mailto:pungente_1@hotmail.com). Maximum of 6 people. Sponsored by the UCV Arts Ctte.

**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](mailto:tmarion3@yahoo.com) if you would like to sign up.

**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> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. There will be room for newcomers in each of the groups, especially those on the 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)

**LAST CHANCE:** Wed., Feb 3, 6:30 – 8:30 pm at Waves coffee shop, 715 Columbia, New West to join the new covenant group to explore thoughts and feelings related to climate change. The group will be closed to new members after this session. Facilitators: Teresa Morton, Mary Bennett and Keith Wilkinson. <http://ucvnotes.vancouverunitarians.ca/category/covenant-groups/>

**WELCOME BRIGID WITH A DANCE!** Feb 2 is Brigid's Day, Groundhog Day and Imbolc - come and try sacred circle dance and welcome the advent of Spring. All dances are taught. No experience or partners needed. By donation. And we'll be dancing to some Unitarian songs including: *Come, Come, Whoever You Are* and *Enter, Rejoice and Come In*—as well as 8 or 9 others. No need to RSVP but if you want more information contact Denise [ditzah@telus.net](mailto:ditzah@telus.net) Circle dancing is 7—9pm first Tuesday and second Monday in Hewett Centre. <http://ucvnotes.vancouverunitarians.ca/category/circle-dance/>

**FEBRUARY UCV EVENTS** is hot off the press. February's UCV Events publication is available at Welcome tables. If you don't receive it by email and want to, send a note to [ucvevents@gmail.com](mailto:ucvevents@gmail.com)

**DINNER WITH FRIENDS:** Feb. 20 You have options! To host or join a potluck Circle Dinner contact Theresa Marion, 604-687-4864 or [tm Marion3@yahoo.com](mailto:tm Marion3@yahoo.com). To join Patti and Mary for Hygge (look it up) dinner, register with [maryinvancouver@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**THE THIRD SUNDAY BOOK GROUP** meets next Sunday, February 21 to discuss *American Exodus: Climate Change and the Coming Flight for Survival*. Scientists predict this 21st century will bring intense storms that will batter our coasts, and droughts and heat events will be annual threats. The United States will no longer be able to provide food or fresh water for the overheated, overcrowded cities where 80 percent of its population lives. Will waves of environmental refugees travel north into Canada? Award winning author (and UCV member) Giles Slade will join us to consider how we may yet survive this century of climatic change. 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](mailto:jpodlecki@shaw.ca) or phone 604-737-7794

**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)



### **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**

### **JSA SNIDER FOUNDATION EMPOWERMENT SERIES—DON'T AGONIZE, DOWNSIZE:**

Transitioning to a new chapter in life can be very overwhelming for many seniors and their families. The longer a person lives in their home, the more belongings can accumulate. 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. Workshop by Ranka Burzan, professional organizer and author. Light refreshments provided. Free parking. 11 am, March 3, Unitarian Church of Vancouver. Contact Rita Proff, 604-732-1555, [office@jsalliance.org](mailto:office@jsalliance.org)

## ***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>	Pat Johnon, Theresa Marion, Penny Pearson
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Vera Hinton
<b>LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL</b>	David Buchanan, Leslie Hill
<b>LUNCH</b>	Environment Ctte
<b>ORDER OF SERVICE</b>	Tara MacNiven
<b>SOUND</b>	Hans Elfert
<b>GREETERS</b>	Margo Elfert, Tom Ellis, Pat Johnon
<b>WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE</b>	Alison Pearson, Audrey Cook

### **STAFF**

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<b>COMMUNITY MINISTER</b>	Rev. Laura Imayoshi
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<b>CONGREGATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR</b>	Ravina Sangara
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<b>SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS</b>	Virginia Crabill, John Omielan Robert Schultz, Randall McKinnon
<b>UCV LAY CHAPLAINS</b>	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