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Vimy Monument on the Canadian \$20 bill (right)

Why Stories of Origin Matter

- Rev. Steven Epperson -

- June 12, 2016 -

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

June 12, 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

Allegro moderato; Allegretto k. 330 Mozart
July Tchaikovsky
E. Dainow. piano

Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Opening Hymn #349

We Gather Together

New Member Recognition:

Fiona Chan

Eric Chen

Vivian Davidson

Yvonne Marcus

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.

Story for All Ages

read by Rev. Steven Epperson

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.*

August Tchaikovsky
E. Dainow. piano

Meditation

Rev. Steven Epperson

Musical Response

June * Tchaikovsky
E. Dainow. piano

Remarks

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Closing Hymn #139

Wonders Still the World Shall Witness

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.*

* With this piece, I finish the cycle I began in September of playing all of Tchaikovsky's *The Seasons*. –Elliott

Next Sunday Service: June 19, 2016, 11 am

***Why Do We Sponsor?
Reflections from New Sponsors
Refugee Ctte***

music: Solidarity Notes Choir with Earle Peach, conductor

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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JUNE 12, 2016

SACRED EARTH/SACRED TRUST: Sacred Earth/Sacred Trust

Today, June 12th, is the six-month anniversary of the Paris Climate Summit. Faith communities around the world are escalating the call for action on climate change through gatherings and events posted to social media at #SacredEarth2016. We'll gather outside the church on the grassy bank facing Fremlin immediately after the worship service for a congregational photograph that will be posted to the site to express our support. Afterward, there will be an opportunity for reflection/prayer/meditation at the Labyrinth - or however, wherever you choose.

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.

FORUM: 1- 2 pm (note later time) *Advanced Care Planning.* Want to coax loved ones to talk about incapacity BEFORE a crisis? Do you have questions about Advanced Directives or Representation Agreements? Wondering what happens in the ER when someone is alone and near death? Join guest speaker Dr. Paula Flynn for a lively discussion.

LUNCH TODAY: Deliciously prepared and served by the UCV Refugee Committee. Proceeds help us to bring refugee families to Canada and to assist those refugee families that are already here.

UCV CARE AND CONCERN ANNOUNCEMENT:

A NEW WAY TO REACH OUT IN TIME OF NEED

“If you or others in the congregation are in need of support in times of transition, loss, illness, moving, etc., please contact:

careandconcern@vancouverunitarians.ca”

Sincerely, Rev. Steven Epperson

ART THIS MONTH: *Artistic Journeys*
Watercolour Paintings by Sonia Mocnik. Inspired by nature and the outdoors, self-taught artist Sonia Mocnik worked in the area of risk management prior to listening to her inner voice and getting back to her creative side of painting. Her first exhibit was in 2009 and she became a full time artist in 2011. She was born in Vancouver, British Columbia. She now lives and paints between Vancouver and Lake Chapala, Mexico. The beautiful natural surroundings of mountains, ocean and parks in B.C. and the abundant bird life, vibrancy of color and charm of the small towns on Lake Chapala, Mexico provide many interesting themes for her paintings and drawings. She is drawn to watercolour, but enjoys pen and ink and acrylic as media.. June 1 – July 3 in the Sanctuary and Fireside.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE UVC BOOK CLUB will be meeting June 19 to wrap up another good season of book sharing with a delightfully engaging murder mystery by Louise Penny called *Dead Cold*. It is the second in a series of murder mysteries featuring Chief Inspector Armande Gamache and for those of you who like a good mystery, this might whet your appetite for more of our Canadian author Louise Penny over our summer break. (the first book is hard to come by)
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WANT TO BE INVOLVED WITH UCV'S YOUTH GROUP? If you want to spend a few hours of every month with UCV's amazing youth as either a youth advisor or coming-of-age mentor next year, please contact Olivia Hall by phone or text at 604-441-2196 or by email at oliviahmargaret@gmail.com.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FARMERS ON 57TH: 20 weeks of beautiful farm fresh city grown produce for people to take home and eat. We are seeking people interested in joining our Marpole/Oakridge based Community Supported Agriculture program. More details in our flyer below and on our website www.farmerson57th.ca/csa/.



We aspire to be a radically welcoming congregation.

All are welcome here.

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
FLOWERS	Chris Pearce
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL	Kaelyn Elfert, Lindsay Udem
LUNCH	Refugee Ctte
ORDER OF SERVICE	Hunter MacNiven
SOUND	Galen Elfert
GREETERS	Margo Elfert, Denise Nereida, Paul Prescod, Sakura Nandana, Penny Pearson
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Karen Brumelle, Paul Wright

STAFF

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CHOIR DIRECTOR	Donna Brown
MUSIC ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER	Elliott Dainow
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CONGREGATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR	Ravina Sangara
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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