



## *The Tyranny of Choice*

- Rev. Steven Epperson – March 20, 2016 -

# UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

## Celebration of Worship

### March 20, 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**

*Prelude # 21 'Fantasia'* Bach  
*Rondo* Mozart  
*Trio movement* Schubert  
*Intermezzo (excerpt)* Brahms  
*Prelude in A (Les Sylphides)* Chopin  
*Matin sur l'Eau (excerpt)* Ibert  
*Fantastic Dances* Shostakovitch  
*Venetian Boat Song # 2* Mendelssohn  
E. Dainow, piano

#### **Invocation**

*Spirit of Life* C. McDade  
with the Chalice Choir

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

Rev. Steven Epperson

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

#### **Opening Hymn #38**

*Morning Has Broken*

#### **Child Dedication:**

Welcoming Phaedra McIvor Adin

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

read by Rev. Steven Epperson

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

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

Julia Myers

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

Julia Myers

#### **Offering**

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

*Sonatina (Allegro con spirito)* Kuhlau  
E. Dainow, piano

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

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Musical Response**

*Seal Lullaby*

E. Whitacre  
with the Chalice Choir

**Sermon**

*The Tyranny of Choice*

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Closing Hymn #301**

*Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky*

**Closing Words**

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Extinguishing the Chalice Flame**

**Valediction**

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.  
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March 27, 2016, 11 am

***Reviving the Dead:  
The Return of Rev. Theodore Parker***

**Rev. Steven Epperson and UCV Members**

music: *Sacred Heart Singers*

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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***A reminder to all church groups and cttes:  
Please remember to put the tables and chairs away, turn off the  
lights and lock the doors if you are the last group on site.***

## MARCH 20, 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 THIS MONTH:** *Beyond the Surface:* Women's Art Exhibition Thirty-seven women artists are represented in this show. Binders in Fireside Room and Sanctuary give artist statements and price for artwork that is for sale.

Sponsored by UCV Arts Committee and Women and Spirituality Celebration.

**YUUTH LUNCH:** Our UCV youth have prepared a delicious soup today in Hewett Centre after the service. All proceeds go towards youth programming at the church and sending youths to conferences throughout the year. Please help us out and get some tasty food in the process!

**FORUM:** Imagine the Georgia Viaduct as our Truth and Reconciliation Bridge to honour First Nations and celebrate our unity. Join Joseph Roberts, activist, founder of Common Ground Magazine and Walk for Peace to hear about his vision for the bridge, that could be Vancouver's version of the High Line Aerial Park in New York City.

Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee

**TODAY THE UCV THIRD SUNDAY BOOK GROUP** meets at 12:30 pm in Lindsey-Priestley to discuss *My Invented Country* by Isabel Allende, a very personal and spirited memoir of the author's life in her homeland, Chile. All are welcome.

**THE UCV MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE GENTLY REMINDS YOU** that we are a more gracious congregation when we can address each other by name. Please make it part of your Sunday morning practice to wear a name tag. You may know who you are but many others don't.

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR KEVAN CHASE:** Today, Sunday, March 20 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary. Bring your memories, jokes, and a snack for the coffee reception.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL FOR FAVOURITE POEMS FROM REV. EPPERSON FOR APRIL 17 WORSHIP SERVICE.** It's been said that religion is poetry. April is national poetry month. On April 17, we will be worshipping through the medium of poetry—favourite poems chosen and read by members of the congregation. Please send in your favourites for selection and reading to Rev. Epperson by April 10 at [rev@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:rev@vancouverunitarians.ca)

## **REGISTER NOW! EARLY BIRD DEADLINE ENDS MARCH 31ST.**

<http://cuc.ca/registration-now-open-vancouver-2016-national-conference>

**2016 CUC CONFERENCE, 21-22 MAY, UBC. REGISTER NOW AND SAVE:** \$275 Sat-Sun early bird; \$175 Sat only. The workshop lineup looks really interesting with Saturday sessions on climate justice; truth, healing & reconciliation; ministry in prisons; congregational dialogues; stories of personal ministry; and UU & UN activities -- and half-day Sunday multi-generational workshops following morning Worship Service in the Chan Centre with singers from member choirs. You can also attend the Annual General Meeting Friday for free, or just the AGM Plenary session Thursday evening. CanUudle will be meeting all weekend at UCV!

**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)

**URGENT:** Member of UCV congregation needs housing by March 31. Nonsmoking male with one pet (a small bird in cage) would prefer to be near UBC. Contact [origenrikzen@yahoo.com](mailto:origenrikzen@yahoo.com)

**ARE: 7 WORLD FAITH TRADITIONS COURSE** with Stanley Tromp continues Tuesdays at 7 pm in Hitschmanova.

**ENHANCE YOUR PROFESSIONAL RESUME:** Become an active member of the UCV Human Resources Committee. Contact Paul Prescod, [paul@prescod.net](mailto:paul@prescod.net), or Mary Murray, [marlmur@shaw.ca](mailto:marlmur@shaw.ca), 604-733-6873 for details.

### **SACRED CIRCLE DANCE**

We gather every first Tuesday and second Monday to dance in community, 7—9 pm in Hewett Centre, by donation. No experience or partner needed. Contact Denise, [ditzah@telus.net](mailto:ditzah@telus.net), for any further information.

**RECLAIMING HOPE-... FROM A CULTURE OF FEAR:** March 22, 7:30 pm Hewett Centre. Join us for an evening of theatre – without a play. We will engage to identify and transform the fears that hold us back from building healthy communities and caring for the environment. Let's dialogue about how policies linked to unbridled economic growth affect our values and fears around creating change and the connections to xenophobia and Islamophobia.

RSVP: [rsvp@theatreforliving.com](mailto:rsvp@theatreforliving.com)

Sponsored by UCV Social Justice Committee, Critical Muslim Voices and Independent Jewish Voices.

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:** We thank everyone who has completed the Environment Committee priorities survey. Just to let you know that the 48 respondents to the survey selected the reduction of fossil fuel consumption as the highest priority for the EC. Greening the economy came out second, closely followed by supporting front-line First Nations groups. Understanding the detrimental effects of fracking was last, maybe because many of us think we know already. We thank the many respondents who said they would be willing to volunteer to support our work in reducing fossil fuel consumption. We will be hosting the Forum on Sun April 3rd on this topic and invite all those interested (whether you completed the survey or not) to come and give your views on what action we can take. More details to follow!

***THE NEXT MOVEABLE FEAST*** takes place on March 26, 6 pm at Red Ginger, 967 West Broadway in the heart of Fairview.

The culinary offerings take us to lands unknown. The cuisine is Asian fusion. Fusion cuisine combines ingredients and principles from various culinary traditions, so be in for a treat with food that may not be identifiable with a specific tradition or geographic region.

Your hosts will be Laura Gerkin, and Rae and John Smith. Please RSVP to [geojohnsmith@hotmail.com](mailto:geojohnsmith@hotmail.com) so we can reserve an appropriate number of places. Everyone is welcome.

**NEW U IN A DAY:** Interested in learning more about Unitarianism and the Unitarian Church of Vancouver?

Come to NEW U in a Day, Saturday, April 16, 9:15 am – 2:30 pm, Fireside Room. Coffee and muffins 9:00 am, lunch provided. Attendance encouraged prior to becoming a UCV member. Interested current members also welcome. Registration forms available at the Welcome Table or church office. Babysitting requests 2 weeks in advance. Questions, contact Dianne Crosbie at [dcrosbie@uniserve.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com) or the church office, 604 261-7204.

**HAPPY SPRING EQUINOX!**

Spring came early - Friday at 9:30 am - because of Leap Year.

Bulbs are blooming on the Fremlin side double processional labyrinth. Come and walk with a friend - start at either end, meet in the centre, then go your separate ways.

Interested in our labyrinths? Contact Mary through [unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com](mailto:unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com) Or check out the Labyrinth Blog at UCV Notes on our website, [vancouverunitarians.ca](http://vancouverunitarians.ca)

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING IDEAS OF philosophy** contact Ursula, [litzcke@telus.net](mailto:litzcke@telus.net).

**FACEBOOK ANYONE?** Many of our UCV events are posted on facebook. Please sign up, like, comment and, most importantly, invite your friends.  
[facebook.com/UCVancouver/events](https://facebook.com/UCVancouver/events)



## ***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>	Avril Schafer, Liz Monrad, Eric Chen
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Diane Donaldson
<b>LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL</b>	Frances Anderson, Laura Gerkin, David Buchanan
<b>LUNCH</b>	yUUth Group
<b>ORDER OF SERVICE</b>	Hunter MacNiven
<b>SOUND</b>	Kaelyn Elfert
<b>GREETERS</b>	Jane Sutherland, Shirley McLeod, Carolyn Grant, Denise Nereida
<b>WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE</b>	Laura Gerken, George Atherton

### **STAFF**

<b>PARISH MINISTER</b>	Rev. Steven Epperson
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<b>UCV LAY CHAPLAINS</b>	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