



A Tale From the Crypt: Inviting the Image to Speak

- Louise Bunn -

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UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

May 29, 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

Pictures at an Exhibition (excerpts)

M. Mussorgsky

E. Dainow, piano

Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours

Geoff Gomery

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Opening Hymn #94

What Is This Life

Story for All Ages

The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig

Eugene Trivazas & Helen Oxenbury

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

Welcome and Announcements

Olivia Hall

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns

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Offering

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

May

P. Tchaikovsky

E. Dainow, piano

Meditation

Geoff Gomery

Musical Response

Sepulcrum Romanum Catacombs &

Con Mortuis In Lingua Mortua

M. Mussorgsky

E. Dainow, piano

Homily

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Closing Hymn #1064

Blue Boat Home

Closing Words

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Valediction

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.
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Next Sunday Service: June 5, 2016, 11:00am

Bolder Ways of Being What?

with Rev. Steven Epperson

music: Ailsa Zaenker

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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How to Look and Possibly Even Be Moved

First, go to museums alone.

Seeing paintings is not a social event. It takes concentration and calm, and that is not easy when you are with someone else.

Second, don't try to see everything.

Next time you go to a museum, resist the temptation to see the whole collection. Get a map of the museum, and choose just one or two rooms. When you find those rooms, look around and choose just one painting.

Third, minimize distractions.

Make sure the room is uncrowded. It's best to choose a painting in an out-of-the-way corner. Make sure there is no glare on the canvas, so you can see the whole picture clearly.

Fourth, take your time.

Once you've chosen the painting, give it a chance. Stand in front of it and think a bit. Step back, and look again. Sit down and relax. Paintings are very slow. It can even take weeks, even years before they decide to speak.

Fifth pay full attention.

You need to do nothing but look, care about nothing but looking. Absentminded staring won't do it. You have to concentrate on understanding what you see. That takes sustained and focused energy.

There's a strange state of mind involved, in which you forget yourself just enough to lose track of the boundary between the picture's world and your own world. Michael Fried, the art historian who wrote on "presentness" and "grace," calls the state "absorption." Bertrand Rougé thinks of it as crossing over a bridge into the painting's world. However it is named, it means you have to pay strict attention to the picture at the expense of everything else.

Sixth, do your own thinking.

Read as much as you like, take the audio tour, study the label, buy the book: but when it comes to looking, just look and make up your own mind.

Seventh, be on the lookout for people who are really looking.

Virtually everyone who visits art museums moves at the Official Museum Pace: an ambling walk, punctuated by stops to glance at paintings and slight forward bends to read labels. There are always a few people who don't. If you can find such people, watch them for a few minutes. Notice their patience, and the concentration they bring to bear on the pictures. If they take a break, go talk to them.

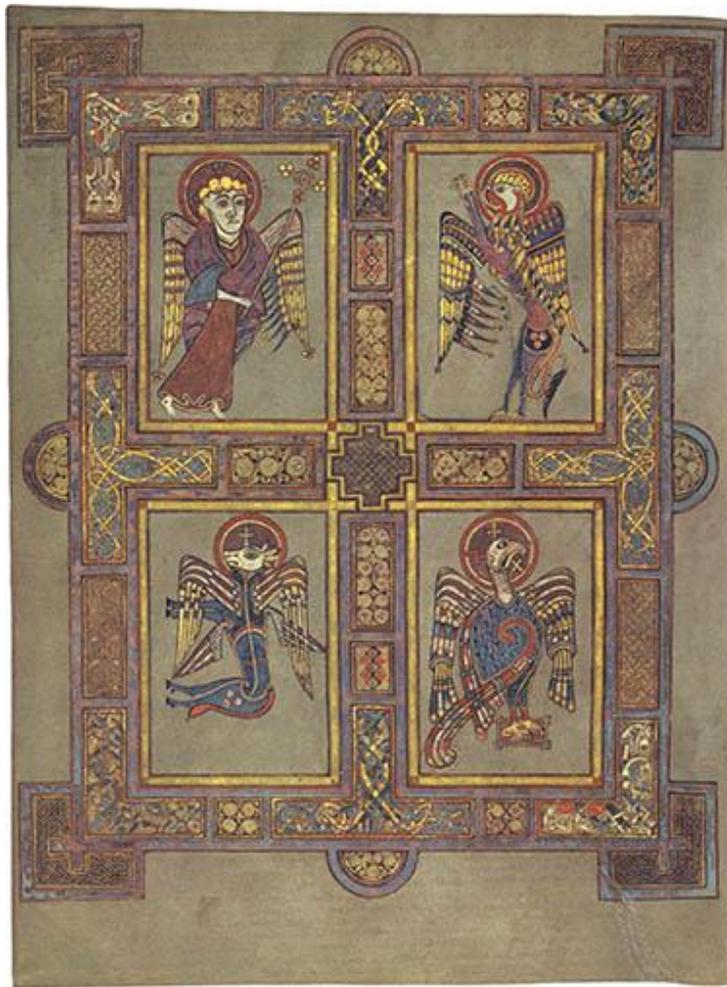
Eighth, be faithful.

Once you've spent time with a painting, promise yourself you'll come back to see it again.

From James Elkins' "Pictures and Tears"

"Simply showing the image doesn't work, because the unaccustomed eye has no more ability to imagine about imagining, than the untrained mind knows how to 'think about thinking'.... Our imaginations are untrained, and we have no adequate epistemology of the imagination with which to meet the image on its own level. Unused to participative enquiry, the empty space between us and the image fills with projected stories that occlude rather than reveal the image. Let us tell a different tale, filling the space with the image as a living presence that comes to us as an ambassador from a far away land with fabulous costumes and an intricate sophisticated culture. To meet with one of these visitors, an elder or great teacher, is a special occasion, one of colour, vitality, opportunity, speaking a language with the power to connect us with the animate and animating world"

From Marie Angelo "Splendor Solis: Inviting the Image to Teach"



Four Evangelists from Book of Kells

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The Son of God - The Word of God, 1885-96 (oil on canvas)

image credit: Vasnetsov, Victor Mikhailovich (1848 - 1926)

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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

UCV BOOK BASH IS TODAY! From 9 am to 1 pm. We have a great selection of books to suit every reader.

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.

UNSUNG HERO AWARD 2016: Each year, members are invited to nominate up to two members for the Unsung Hero(ione) Award to recognize members who have made important but low key contributions to the church. Nomination forms available in the Hall on Sunday May 29 and June 5. Completed forms can be placed in the "Unsung Receptacle" in the Alcove on Sundays or turned in to the Office no later than 9 am, Monday June 6. Presentation of the Unsung Hero Award is scheduled to take place June 26. Randallmackinnon@yahoo.ca.

TODAY’S SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM HAS BEEN CANCELLED

ART THIS MONTH: Children and Youth of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver. *Faces of Nature*. Mixed-media masks, using plaster, acrylic and found objects. An exploration of how nature might appear or feel, as seen through the eyes and art of children and youth. Continuing in the Fireside Room is Developmental Disabilities Association until the end of May.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UCV EVENTS AND WEEKLY ORDER OF SERVICE: Do you get UCV Events and the weekly Order of Service delivered to your inbox? It's an easy way to keep up on what's going on around here. Just send an email to ucvevents@gmail.com if you'd like to be added to the list. ALL you'll receive is 5-6 messages per month. It's not a discussion list. AND if you WANT a discussion list, there's vancouverunitarians@googlegroups.com. Approximately 100 of us share news, dream up events and introduce ourselves. Let Mary Bennett know if you'd like to try it out.

ONGOING ARE PROGRAM: Seven UU Principles in Practice, Wednesdays, 10–11:30 am. Not so much a class, more a place to learn from one another how the seven UU principles apply in our daily lives. Everyone has a voice. Everyone is heard. Please email info@vancouverunitarians.ca for more information or to register.

FORUM, JUNE 12, 1—2 PM: *Advanced Care Planning: Q & A Session on Planning for Incapacity and End-of-Life.* Speaker Dr. Paula Flynn will help untangle the complexities of this topic. She'll also guide us in our own planning—best done before we need it! Such as how to figure out and express our own wishes and how to elicit the wishes of loved ones. To help you know what questions to ask at the session, take a look at <http://www.advancecareplanning.ca/resource/british-columbia/>.

CYCLING GROUP: We will be riding Thursday mornings with outings that are not exhausting and usually include lunch at a pub or restaurant. First ride, June 2, starts from Brock house, 3875 Point Grey Rd. at 10:45 am.

If interested contact Muriel Groves, Murielkgroves@aol.com.

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.

Office Changes

After 12 years of service to UCV, most recently as Congregational Administrator and previously as Bookkeeper, Ravina Sangara is moving on to a new career opportunity with a downtown accounting firm, a change that she feels fits in with the changing needs of her family, and will enable her to make good use of her preferred best skills. Ravina has been a dedicated and capable contributor to the work of our church, and although we are sad to see her leave, we wish her all the best for the future.

Ravina's last working day will be 7 June 2016, so the Board, HR Committee and Minister are working quickly to set up interim staffing arrangements until the position can be filled. UCV's Office Assistant, Hunter MacNiven, will also be away on educational leave during the months of July and August, and steps have already been taken to provide backup coverage for that role during the summer.

If you know of someone with strong skills in bookkeeping, communications, and office management who you think could fill the critical role of Congregational Administrator, please contact Diane Brown, UCV President diane@rubyslippers.ca or Keith Wilkinson, UCV HR Committee Chair keith@cuc.ca.

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	Pat Johnson, Theresa Marion, Penny Pearson
FLOWERS	Lorraine Calame
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL	David Buchanan, Leslie Hill
LUNCH	No Lunch
ORDER OF SERVICE	Hunter MacNiven
SOUND	
GREETERS	Margo Elfert, Tom Ellis, Pat Johnson
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Deanne Turner, Naomi Taylor

STAFF

PARISH MINISTER	Rev. Steven Epperson
COMMUNITY MINISTER	Rev. Laura Imayoshi
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Morgan Reid
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Donna Brown
MUSIC ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER	Elliott Dainow
CASUAL CARETAKERS	James Wilson, Ben Yeung, Mark Klassen, Marcus Hynes, Paul Nash
CONGREGATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR	Ravina Sangara
OFFICE ASSISTANT / BOOKINGS	Hunter MacNiven
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