



The Religion of Robert Ingersoll

Gary Smook

– July 30, 2017 –

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

July 30, 2017

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 helps to create a spirit for shared celebration and worship.
Please refrain from conversing and please turn off your cell phones.*



Prelude

Bagatelle Op 68 No 5

Robert Schumann

Valse Sentimentale Op 50 No 13

Franz Schubert

Moment Musical Op 94 Op 3

Franz Schubert

Prelude from Six Short Pieces

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Hard Times

Stephen Collins Foster

Piano: Nicola Hamilton

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours

David Macdonald

Kindling the Chalice Flame

David Macdonald

Opening Hymn #6

Just as Long As I Have Breath

Story for all Ages

The Elves of Cologne by Ernst Weyden
Adapted by Anthea Bell, read by Gary Smook*

Children's Recessional

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the spirit of love surround you, everywhere, everywhere you may go

Welcome and Announcements

Cindy Cashin

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns

Cindy Cashin

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

Romance Op 118 No 5

Johannes Brahms

Meditation/Prayer

From *Liberty of Thought* by Robert Ingersoll
Read by Gary Smook

Musical Response

Slow Dance from Six Short Pieces

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Closing Hymn #108

My Life Flows On In Endless Song

**Closing Words / Extinguishing the Chalice
Flame**

David Macdonald

Valediction *Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.
Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.*

* Gary Smook is a chemical engineering graduate from the University of California, Berkeley. He worked in the paper industry for 18 years, and then taught pulp & paper technology at BCIT for 20 years. Along the way he wrote a textbook on P & P technology which launched Gary and his wife Hilda into the publishing business. They sold the business in early 2016 and are now retired.

Next Sunday Service: August 6, 2017, 11 am

The Wicked Problem of What's for Dinner?

Dr. Michael Bomford

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 & strollers*

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JULY 30, 2017 – TODAY AT UCV

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: We are committed to providing safe, compassionate, age-appropriate programming for all children and youth who attend or visit UCV. Our goal is to find the Fun with Meaning! Our Summer program is small and laid back, focused on games, gardening, and art led by volunteer guides and parents. Activities are open to both members and visitors. Everyone attends the start of service together through the chalice lighting, opening hymn, and story for all ages.

After the story children ages 3-12 proceed to the lower level of Hewett Centre for their classes:

Chalice Children (age 3-6)
Origins & Journeys (ages 7-9)
Sing to the Power (ages 10-12)

Childcare is available for children up to age five between 10:45 am and 12:30 pm in Servetus Room on the main floor of Hewett Centre, opposite the library.

Children and babies are welcome to remain with their adult family members through the service if they prefer.

Please meet your child downstairs or in the garden after the service: children under age 9 will remain with the Guides until met by a responsible family member.

YOUTH GROUP Our High School Youth Group (grades 8-12) does not meet during the summer. During the school year our Youth Group is led collaboratively by the youth and trained advisors. They meet weekly to explore issues of faith development, social justice, life experiences, trials, tribulations, and joys of navigating life—through games and small group activities. Other activities include monthly youth sleepovers at the church, Regional UU Youth Conferences, and the UU-United Nations Office (NYC) Spring Seminar on Global Migration in April of 2018. Please contact Olivia Hall (oliviahmargaret@gmail.com) or Kiersten Moore (dre@vancouverunitarians.ca) for more information.

MEDITATION: Join us for the Sunday morning sitting meditation at 10 – 10:45 am. There is brief guidance at the beginning of each sit. In consideration of others, please try to come on time. Any inquiries can be sent to victoriaoginski@gmail.com.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

UCV EVENTS READY FOR PICKUP: The August UCV Events will be at the welcome table today for pickup. Details can be found on vancouverunitarians.ca – Click News and Events.

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The children's program is still in need of volunteer guides to engage any children ages 5 and up in gardening, art, and games for the following dates: **August 13th, 20th, and 27th (assistants needed); September 3rd assistant needed.** Please contact **Kiersten Moore** at dre@vancouverunitarians.ca if you can help.

UCV'S NEW COMING OF AGE PROGRAM! Next year UCV will be running a Coming of Age mentorship program for children and youth ages 12-14 where our kids can learn, reflect, and grow. Do you have a child in this age range who wants to spend next year playing games, getting to know their peers, and deepening their understanding of their spirituality? If so, please email Olivia Hall (oliviahmargaret@gmail.com) and Kiersten Moore (dre@vancouverunitarians.ca).

HYGGE DINNER UPDATE: Our Potluck on Tuesday turned out to be a successful outreach and welcoming event with gardening and chalk art thrown in. 20 people came from age 11 to 90. Engagement in our church ranged from someone checking us out for the first time to our minister emeritus, Rev. Phillip Hewett. Many thanks especially to Caede and Amy Megumi who helped others find their way around the kitchen and were so welcoming to all. And to Sandy who swept up the rest of the compost and Goan and Haram who pulled weeds in the courtyard and helped harvest plants and salad ingredients. From Mary Bennett, Hygge Dinner Coordinator

NEXT MOVEABLE FEAST: PLUS John Voth's artworks, "*Exposed: The Inner Beauty of Wood*". Saturday, August 26, 6 pm at Enigma Restaurant (4397 West 10 Avenue). RSVP to Dianne Crosbie, dcrosbie@uniserve.com



NEW ART EXHIBITION: July 5 – August 1, 2017 – Derek Lamarque: "*Through My Eyes*". Derek is exhibiting digital art prints and linocuts inspired by the environment, colour abstraction and interesting images. He enjoys drawing and has done courses in etching, linocuts and mono-printing. He was born in KwaZulu, South Africa, and studied graphic design for 3 years in art school. He has had a long career as Senior Art Director in Zimbabwe, South Africa, Canada and the US.

LAY CHAPLAIN OPPORTUNITY: UCV Lay Chaplains co-create and officiate at weddings, memorials, child blessings and other rites of passage ceremonies such as house blessings and coming out ceremonies. It's a joyful, loving service to the greater community beyond UCV. It's also a path to personal spiritual growth. The work is demanding but intermittent. It asks for maturity, empathy, imagination, and wholeheartedness. Its benefits are beyond words. For more details about the job's requirements and its blessings, contact Nan Gregory, nangregory@shaw.ca, 604-228-1450, or Katherine Roback, katherinekroback@gmail.com, 604-872-0426.

RENT OUR SPACE! Are you part of a group who needs to rent space for meetings, concerts, celebrations? Please consider--and pass along--information about our church space. While some times of the year get busy, there's lots of space available over the summer. You can find the rates and spaces available here: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/ucv/about-us/facility-rental/> Contact Marcus at info@vancouverunitarians.ca or call 604-261-7204 extension 0 for more information.

Saturday, September 23, 2017 (from 5:30 pm)

JOIN THE FUN
at the 4th annual



- *tasty food*
- *congenial company*
- *excellent entertainment*

*\$12 tickets (or by donation) on sale after service Sept. 10 & 17
in Hewett Hall (only 100 available)*

*** Bring a salad or entrée (appetizers & dessert provided)**
Childcare available (please indicate if needed when you purchase tickets)

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: The Overdose Prevention Society (OPS) is the organization to receive funds from OOF from the beginning of June until the end of September. OPS was founded in September 2016 by three women who were concerned about how little was being done about the growing fentanyl crisis in Vancouver. In potential violation of the law, they set up a drug injection site in an alley in Vancouver's downtown Eastside to combat the many overdose deaths and have saved hundreds of lives. Their peer-based services are beneficial to the health authority, to the community, and to the participants themselves and ensure access to health & welfare services to excluded, vulnerable & marginalized people.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL VANCOUVER ISLAND UNITARIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT will be held at Bethlehem Retreat Centre in Nanaimo BC on the weekend of September 15 to 17, 2017. The cost for the weekend is \$265. The workshop is *Write Your Life* with Lois Peterson and Maggie de Vries. Registration form with more information is at <http://tinyurl.com/2017NWR>. For further information contact Theresa at tmarion3@yahoo.com or [604-687-4864](tel:604-687-4864).

CREATIVE ARTS ELIOT CAMP 2017 FOR UUS AND THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Did you know that there is an arts-related summer camp run by The Eliot Institute for UUs of all ages in our area (Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, Alaska, and Western Idaho) and their friends and family? *Creative Arts Eliot 2017* will take place at the beautiful Seabeck Conference Center on Hood Canal in Seabeck, Washington from August 12 through August 16, 2017, and will offer opportunities for UUs and friends and relatives to enjoy many wonderful aspects of a multi-generational camp experience. For more information, please contact the Eliot Administrator at Eliotregistrar@gmail.com or visit our website at www.eliotinstitute.org.

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

FLOWERS

Lorraine Calame

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

David Buchanan, Leslie Hill

ORDER OF SERVICE

Marcus Hynes

SOUND

Hans Elfert

GREETERS

Margo Elfert, Pat Johnson, Denise Nereida, Paul Prescod, Hank & Terence Einarson

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Eleanore Dunn, Audrey Cook

STAFF

PARISH MINISTER

Rev. Steven Epperson

COMMUNITY MINISTER

Rev. Laura Imayoshi

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Kiersten Moore

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Collene Harris

SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS

Virginia Crabill, Robert Schultz

UCV LAY CHAPLAINS

Nan Gregory, Louise Bunn

The Unitarian Church of Vancouver

Our Vision

Because we envision a more compassionate world, we seek to deepen our spiritual and religious lives, grow and enrich our congregation, and advocate for love and justice.

Living Our Vision

As Unitarians, we are dedicated to spiritual growth, social justice, and reverence for nature and all life. We embody these values through worship, ethical action, artistic expression, and religious education for all ages that aim to connect hearts, heads, and hands. Our congregation welcomes all ages, orientations, abilities, and identities in our joyous search for meaning.

The UCV campus is a Smoke-Free Environment