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So, What is Spirit Play?

Joy Silver

– August 27, 2017



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER



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.*



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.

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.
The UCV campus is a non-smoking environment.

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 for the chalice lighting, opening hymn, and story for all ages.

After the story, children ages 5-12 meet the Religious Education Guides at the back of the Sanctuary for the day's activities.

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 always 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. 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. Also: youth sleepovers, Regional Conferences, and the UU-United Nations Office Spring Seminar (April, 2018). Contact Olivia Hall (oliviahmargaret@gmail.com) or Kiersten Moore (dre@vancouverunitarians.ca).

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.

AUGUST ART EXHIBIT: *Call of the Drums* photographic art exhibit by Gail Stephan, running August 1 to September 1 in the Sanctuary. Meet the artist! On August 27, Gail herself will be hosting in the Hewett Center from 10 to 11am, and from 12 to 1 pm. Follow Gail on Instagram at @gks1950 or visit her Facebook page (Gail Stephan).

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.

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Raj Pendakur, Pat Johnson

FLOWERS

Carolyn Innes

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Aphrodite Harris, Hilda Wiebe

SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS

Virginia Crabill

SOUND

Rob Greig

GREETERS

John and Rae Smith, Greg Grant, Gary Smook, Hilda Wiebe

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Huguette Hayden, Dianne Crosbie

Next Sunday Service: September 3, 2017, 11 am

The Outer Limits of Education*

William Bruneau

* *This week we will be hosting the Youth Peace Network, who will host a Building Peace & Connection workshop for all young adults following the service – for more information, contact Doug Ennenberg, douglasennenberg@gmail.com.*

Celebration of Worship

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Prelude

Children's song selections*
Piano: Nicola Hamilton**

Welcome & Greeting Our Neighbours

Geoff Gomery

Opening Reflection

Responsive reading with Joy Silver (*by Rev. Nita Penfold*)

Joy: *The child awakens to the universe,*
Men: *The mind of the child to the world of wonder,*
Women: *Imagination to the world of beauty,*
Men: *Emotions to a world of intimacy*
All: **It takes a universe to make a child**
Right Side: *Both in outer form*
Left Side: *And inner spirit*
Joy: *It takes a universe to educate a child;*
Teachers: *It takes a universe to fulfill a child*
25 yrs to 35 yrs: *And the obligation of any generation to its children*
36 to 50 yrs: *Is to bring these two together*
51 yrs to 69 yrs: *So that the child is fulfilled in the universe and the universe is fulfilled in the child*
70 yrs or more: *While the stars ring*
All: **While the stars ring out**
Joy: *While the stars ring out in Heaven*

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Opening Hymn #1003

Where Do We Come From?

Story for all Ages

Our Unitarian Promises Story

Children's Recessional

"Go now in peace..."

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.*

Serenade for the Doll – Claude Debussy

Meditation – Spoken, then Silent

Joy Silver

Musical Response

Petite Litanies de Jésus – Gabriel Grovlez

The New Emerging Shape of RE

Kiersten Moore

Homily

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Singing Together

Love Surrounds Me, This I know ****

Benediction

Extinguishing the Chalice Flame & Closing Words

Joy Silver

* In honour of the theme of today's service, all of the music featured was written for children.

** Nicola Hamilton is a lifelong Unitarian who studied music at Capilano University. She was a lead in the Chalice Choir for several years, and has been the director of Out in Harmony, Vancouver's LGBTQ (and friends) choir, since 2003.

*** Joy is a retired elementary teacher, member of the *CUC Lay Chaplaincy Program Steering Committee*, executive member of the *Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice*, and executive member of the *Tri-Cities Amnesty International Group*. These interests blend well with Joy's work as a Unitarian Children's religious educator. Joy began working with the *Spirit Play Method* of teaching our Unitarian curriculum for 3 – 10 year olds in 2005 in her small-sized Beacon Unitarian church in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia. She now teaches at the much larger-sized North Shore Unitarian Church in West Vancouver. Joy's delight and enthusiasm for this multi-sensory, child-friendly method of teaching, inspired her to become a trainer of teachers. She subsequently became the *Spirit Play* Trainer for Canada and also trains teachers in the United States.

**** **Lyrics:**

Love surrounds me, this I know
For my Spirit tells me so,
All of us to Love belong,
It fills our hearts and makes us strong.
Yes, Love surrounds me,
Yes, Love surrounds me,
Yes, Love surrounds me
My Spirit tells me so.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR DEANNA SILVER: 2 – 4 pm, September 3, Fireside Room. Deanna Silver was born in Nova Scotia and was renowned for her Silver Spoon Restaurant in Halifax. She lived here in recent years, practicing dental hygiene (again) and enjoying retirement, making many new friends. The last few years she lived in Montreal, near family. Deanna died in July. There will be memorials “from coast to coast” to honour her. This will be ours. Please bring some finger food for our indoor “picnic”.

COMPASSION CIRCLE: New fourth Sunday monthly group beginning Sept. 3 and Sept. 24, 9:30 — 10:50 am, Family Room, Admin Building. Open to people enrolled in the online *Compassionate Communications Course* offered by the [New York Centre for Non-violent Communications](#). Others knowledgeable about non-violent communications (NVC) may ask to join. Contact Lynn Armstrong lynnbea@gmail.com 778-835-2546 or Mairy Beam mairyelesbea@gmail.com 604-916-6440.

SEPTEMBER 10 FORUM: *Medical Assistance in Dying* – hosted by Jay Aubrey, staff council for BCCLA. 12:45 pm, Fireside Room. MAID (medical assistance in dying) became Canadian law over a year ago. Come find out about its background. Does it go too far? Or not far enough? Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee.

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).

THEATRE FOR LIVING PRACTICE – INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP: With Rev. Meg Roberts. Saturday, Sept. 16, 10 am – 1 pm, Hitschmanova. We practice techniques in interactive, improvisational theatre. Wear comfortable clothes. RSVP Meg Roberts to confirm practice: 778-870-9015 or mroberts@uuma.org. Additional dates this Fall include Oct. 14, Nov. 11, & Dec. 16.

EARTH-CENTERED SPIRITUAL GATHERINGS: We are planning family-friendly earth-centred celebrations on the Sunday afternoon nearest the equinoxes, solstices and cross-quarter days. It will be: 2 – 3 pm ritual with song and dance; 3 – 4 pm nature-based activity; 4 – 5 pm potluck finger food. Come for just the ritual or stay for all three hours. The first one will be Sunday, September 17 to celebrate the autumn equinox. Mary Bennett maryinvancouver@gmail.com

SHARE YOUR STORY – A SERMON WRITING WORKSHOP: Saturday, October 28, 2017, 1 – 6 pm in the Hewett Centre. Facilitated by Rev. Meg Roberts. To help integrate your learning, a follow-up 1 ½-hour group coaching session is included on either Tues. Nov. 28, 7 – 8:30 pm OR Sat. Nov. 25, 10:30 am – 12 noon. This will encourage you to work on your sermon, offer support for any roadblocks you hit, and provide feedback to polish your creation. To register, contact UCV Workshop Committee chair, Way Kent: 110395@telus.net. Earlybird registration deadline and cost: September 30 (\$35) Final registration deadline and cost: October 22 (\$50)

WALK FOR RECONCILIATION: Sunday, September 23 | 9:30am | Queen Elizabeth Plaza, Vancouver. The Walk for Reconciliation is a positive movement to build better relationships among Indigenous peoples and all Canadians. The act of walking and sharing our stories joins us in a commitment to create a new way forward for reconciliation. Join and support the spirit of 'Namwayut - We are all one. For more information, visit www.reconciliationcanada.ca.

UCV BOARD DEVELOPMENT: If any member in good standing is interested in being on the UCV Board, or would like to nominate someone, please contact the Nominating Committee at diane@rubyslippers.ca.

LAY CHAPLAIN OPPORTUNITY: UCV Lay Chaplains co-create and officiate at weddings, memorials, child blessings and other rites of passage ceremonies. It's a joyful, loving service to the greater community and a path to personal spiritual growth. 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.

JOIN THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM: We're gearing up for fall back-to-church and it would be a benefit to have a few more folk on the communications team to help committees and groups design brochures, update the website, write news posts and make posters for the bulletin boards. Meetings (usually only two a year) are optional. Visit <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/ucv/communications-team/> or contact maryinvancouver@gmail.com.

Sacred Circle Dance



1st Tuesday and 2nd Monday 7pm
Dance+Labyrinth+Art 3rd Th 11am
Contact: circledanceucv@gmail.com

Artwork by Rev. Margaret Keip created in celebration of the life of dancer and photographer Edna Bullock. She and Ric Masten, composer of "Let It Be a Dance" were both members of the UU Church of the Monterey Peninsula.

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 entré (appetizers & dessert provided)
 Childcare available (please indicate if needed when you purchase tickets)



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.

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