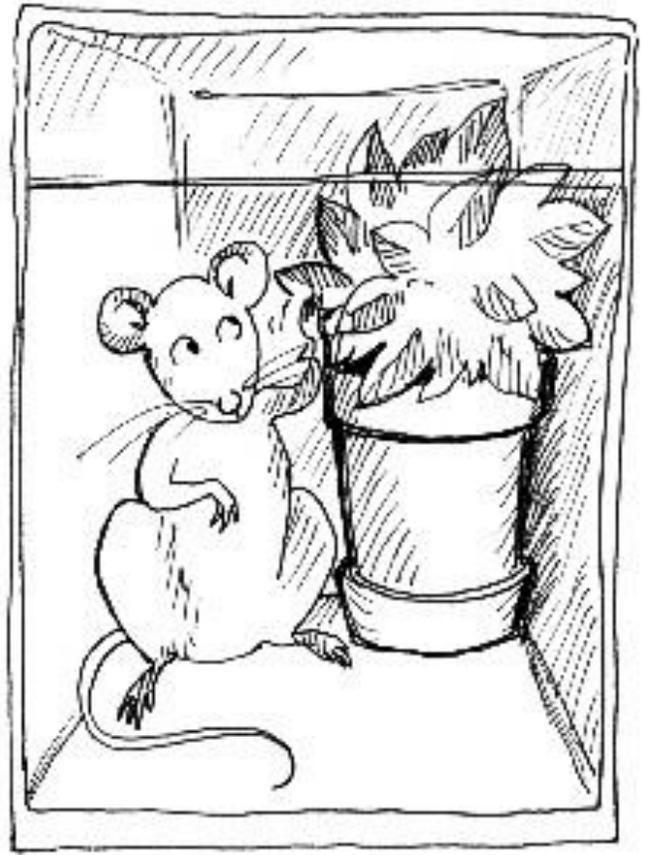


Joseph Priestley, 1733 – 1804



Priestley's happy mouse

The Invention of Air **An All-Ages Service**

Rev. Steven Epperson with Eric Wyness

– December 10, 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 in the Sanctuary foyer and get a nametag. 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. We provide multiage programming and special workshops for children ages 2-12 with community building, questioning, wondering, and exploring as our goals. Babies and young toddlers are also provided for within our classes, the same as they are integrated into family life at home. Children and babies are always welcome to remain with you through the service if you and they prefer. Buddy Bags with a small stuffie, colouring pages, and crayons are available in the foyer for use during the service. If you feel that you need to slip out of the service with an upset child, please feel free to rejoin the service at any time. There is also a playroom for family use across from the kitchen 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 build intentionally inclusive community across ages and explore big questions through story, art, and play. Sunday morning classes are presented free of charge as part of the mission of this congregation. Everyone attends the start of service together through the chalice lighting, opening hymn, and story for all ages.

- **After the story, children of all ages may proceed to the lower level of Hewett Centre** to the Channing room (south side downstairs) for our multi-age program, Spirit Play, led by our Religious Exploration staff teacher and trained volunteers. We welcome our very youngest to join us in this safe and exploratory space.
- **Children registered for the Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation Reflection Guide for upper elementary** (ages 8-11/grade 4-6) meet in the Parker room (central room) downstairs until 12:15.
- **Coming of Age** is a mentor based program for youth ages 12-14 exploring their own beliefs about life, the universe, and everything. Registered participants meet in the Hirschmanova room downstairs until 12:15 pm.

Please see **Kiersten Moore, our Director of Religious Education** if you have any questions or concerns.

Children and babies are welcome to remain with their parents/guardians through the service if they prefer. **Please meet your child downstairs after the service: children under age 9 will remain in class until met by a responsible family member. Older children may join their family upstairs for social hour.**

YOUTH GROUP: UCV currently does not have an active community of high-school-aged youth. We do have trained and experienced youth advisors as well as a cohort of young people entering high school in the next year or two. If you are interested in Religious Exploration for this age group, please email Youth Coordinator Olivia Hall at oliviahmargaret@gmail.com or Director of Religious Education Kiersten Moore at 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. Any inquiries can be sent to victoriaoginski@gmail.com.

TODAY’S FORUM: Representatives from Zero Waste Canada will talk about their programs including the Zero Waste Certification Program. Might we at UCV consider being “on the road” to Zero Waste? Come and find out what's involved. We may start a UCV Zero Waste team reporting to the Environment Committee. Sign up after the forum. Sponsored by the Environment Committee.

COMPUTUTOR: Sun. Dec 3 12 – 2 pm Lindsey-Priestley Bring your curiosity, questions and computer/social media challenges. We will attempt to respond to raised issues. Particular focus this month: inputting and tapping into the church website. Resources: Paul Prescod. and friends Questions beforehand: RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca

ATTENTION PARENTS AND ALL ADULTS: Join Rev. Steven Epperson and DRE Kiersten Moore in Lindsey-Priestley Room **TODAY** at 9:30 am for our first ever First Sunday Adult RE class on bringing Unitarian Faith Formation into our homes to share with our families. We will meet to discuss how building our faith and practice is something that happens all through the week, and that the best, most effective site for this to happen is in our own home. We will share ideas, discuss challenges best practices. In preparation, I encourage those planning to attend to take a look at the provocative and inspiring study (see the following link) that’s making creative waves throughout the North American UU world.

Kiersten and I look forward to meeting with you 9:30-10:30 am in Lindsey-Priestley. *Rev. Steven Epperson.* Reading link: <http://bit.ly/2yq23Y0>

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

FLOWERS

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

SOUND

LUNCH

GREETERS

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Catherine Stewart

Chris Pearce

Jean Stanton

Rob Taylor

No lunch this week

Ursula Litzcke, Denise Nereida, Melody Mason, Gerda Schulz

Eleanore Dunn, Audrey Cook

Celebration of Worship: December 3, 2017

Prelude	<i>Minuet; Allegro</i>	Samuel Arnold* E. Dainow, piano
Welcome & Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Hymn #389		<i>Gathered Here in the Mystery</i>
Story for all Ages		Read by Rev. Steven Epperson
Announcements		Cindy Cashin
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Cindy Cashin
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</i>	arr't. Samuel Arnold / E. Dainow with members of the choir
Meditation, Spoken and then Silent		
Musical Response	<i>Air</i>	Handel E. Dainow, piano

The Invention of Air Rev. Steven Epperson with Eric Wyness

Closing Hymn #304		<i>A Fierce Unrest</i>
Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson

UCV This Week: Do you want to receive the weekly service information and announcements by email? Just send your request to ucvevents@gmail.com or sign up at the welcome table in the foyer any Sunday.

** Samuel Arnold was an English composer and almost exact contemporary of Joseph Priestley and I am most grateful to Gavin, Brian and Lyndon for singing this with me at such a busy time of year. Elliott*

Next Sunday Service: December 10, 2017

Celebrating UN Human Rights Day
Rev. Steven Epperson

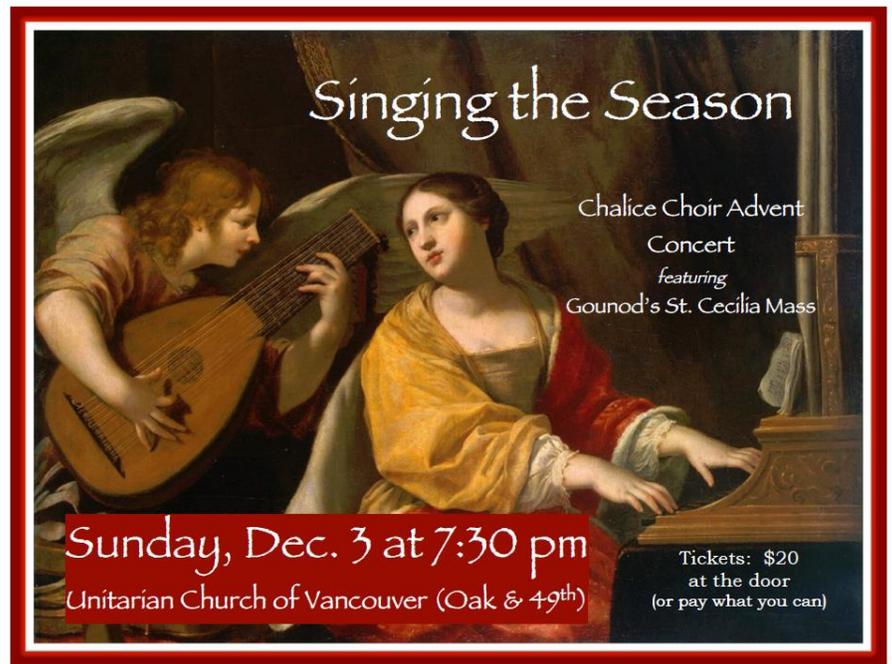
First Advent Sunday Services 2002-16

2002	Evolution
2003	Birth of the Moon
2004	Life from the Seas
2005	Plate Tectonics
2006	Size of the Universe/Sea of Knowledge
2007	Cell: Smallest Living Thing
2008	The Astonishing Atom
2009	Photosynthesis
2010	The Feeling Brain
2011	Teenage Brain
2012	View from the Center of the Universe
2013	The Advent of Us: How We Became Human
2014	On Human Consciousness and Goodness
2015	A Dangerous “Advent?”
2016	The Important Stuff is Invisible

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

CHALICE CHOIR ANNUAL ADVENT CONCERT: *Singing the Season*. Join the Chalice Choir for a concert of seasonal music, featuring Gounod’s *St. Cecilia Mass* and a singalong of Christmas favourites. Childcare provided. Reception to follow. Sunday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 pm, Sanctuary. Please remember that this is the choir’s main fundraiser of the year and supports the choir’s participation in our Sunday services.

Invite your friends! Tickets: \$20 (Low income – pay what you can.) Available from any choir member or at the door.



Singing the Season

Chalice Choir Advent
Concert
featuring
Gounod's St. Cecilia Mass

Sunday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 pm
Unitarian Church of Vancouver (Oak & 49th)

Tickets: \$20
at the door
(or pay what you can)

SFU PHILOSOPHER’S CAFÉ: Thu. Dec. 7, 10:30 am – 12 pm in the Fireside Room. Consider the Russian proverb, “Trust, but verify”. In international relations, when should a nation trust another and how can it verify this needed evidence? Are there nations who may be more inclined to doubt each other? Can they overcome history? Does verifying through intense negotiation loosen or strengthen relationships? Moderator: Randall MacKinnon Co-sponsors SFU and UCV.

MESSY CHURCH COFFEE HOUSE: December 8th, 6 – 9 pm. Jane Slemon is back with us to host our fall bi-annual coffeehouse. Brush off your musical talent, put on your poetry-jam hat, and come take your place in the spotlight. All ages and aptitudes are welcomed to the stage. We've had 2-year-olds through octogenarians alike perform at this much anticipated and beloved event. Chili dinner theme—bring your favorite chili or a side dish, bread, drinks, or dessert to share. Eat, sing, and be merry! Suggested donation to cover costs: \$5 adult/\$3 child.

HANUKKAH FOR EVERYONE: Saturday, Dec. 9. There will be activities for kids and the play room will be open for use by families. Some of our members with Jewish backgrounds are planning a program of decorating, singing, menorah lighting, blessing and dreidl playing. Come and enjoy customs you may be familiar with—or learn about this Jewish Festival of Lights. Rituals and dinner: 5 – 7 pm. After 7 there's circle dancing, Rummy and just enjoying conversation. RSVP appreciated to ucvhygge@gmail.com

NEW TO UCV BREAKFAST: Prior to the service Dec 10, 2017 there will be a breakfast at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room for anyone who has attended “New to UCV Workshop”. Various committee chairs will provide information on the many activities within UCV. For those ready to sign the membership book, Rev. Steven Epperson will witness your signature. For additional information, contact Dianne Crosbie at dcrosbie@uniserve.com or contact the church office at 604-261-7204.

OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL sexuality education) for ages 9-10, Informational Forum, December 10th, 12:30 – 1:30 pm. Kiersten Moore DRE, Jon Breisnes, and Leonie Armstrong will explain the goals, content, and structure of our upcoming offering of Our Whole Lives for ages 9-10 (grades 4 and 5). Everyone is welcome, and please spread the word to any families you know with children around this age.

GREETERS NEEDED: The Greeter Coordinators are putting out a call for additional assistance for the evening services on December 17th and especially on the 24th. We need people to hand out the Orders of Service, and on the 24th, candles. Greeters will also be helping with the offertory. The seasonal services attract many visitors, as well as members of the congregation and families. If you are able to help with any of these duties, please email djaynereida@hotmail.com, or call 604-731-7630. Let us know which evening you are available.

HOLIDAY WREATH MAKING: Join us in making wreaths and swags to decorate the sanctuary for the festive season. Saturday December 16, 2017, 9:00 -11:00 am, Lindsey-Priestley Room, Hewett Centre. Bring garden gloves and clippers, if you have them. Greenery and decorations provided but feel free to contribute your own. Coffee/tea/snacks provided. Further information contact Dianne Crosbie at dcrosbie@uniserve.com.

GREEN FUND HOLIDAY ARTISAN MARKET/CRAFT FAIR Dec. 17, 10 am – 2pm and 6:30 – 9 pm. Come find quality hand-made gifts and help support our Green Fund. Artisans are mostly from our own congregation. Look for artisans selling cards, pottery, jewellery, knitted sweaters and scarves, hand-painted silk scarves, photos, posters and art prints, honey, baked goods, candles, kids books, cottonwood bark carvings, and some surprises. MR. SHARP is back! Bring your knives, scissors, and wit for sharpening. 10% of proceeds go to the Environment Committee Green Fund that supports greening the church and other worthy environmental projects.

LOVE SOUP: Last Sunday's Love Soup was very successful! Thank you very much for your continued support. Please note that we are in need of additional help for the December 17, January 21, and February 18 Love Soup lunches – please contact the office if you would like to participate!

UCV Upcoming Seasonal Events

949 W. 49th Avenue (Oak and 49th)



Dec. 3 *7:30 pm* ***Chalice Choir Advent Concert***
Join the Chalice Choir for a concert of seasonal music, featuring Gounod's St. Cecilia Mass and a singalong of Christmas favourites. Childcare provided. Tickets: \$20 (or pay what you can.)

Dec. 9 *5 pm* ***Hanukkah for Everyone***
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Dec. 10 *11 am* ***Worship Service***
“*Celebrating Human Rights: The UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities*”. On this UN Human Rights Sunday, we will explore the astonishing achievement of the United Nations in identifying and asserting the rights of people with disabilities. Canadians played a crucial role in the creation of this UN Convention.

Dec. 17 *11 am* ***Seasonal Pageant***
‘The Owl and the Robin’ by Sunshine Jeremiah Wolfe
A whole-congregation Solstice service
10 am to 2 pm; 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm ***Craft Fair***
7:30 pm ***Candlelight Service***

A UCV tradition: worship, the spoken word, seasonal carols and music, featuring the Chalice Choir, honouring the festivals of December and the beginning of a new year. All are invited. (Light dessert potluck after the service in the Hall. Please bring a dish & stick around.)

Dec. 24 *11 am* ***A Unitarian Christmas Eve Sunday Service***
That's right, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, and we're NOT taking a “bah humbug!” attitude. Join us for stories and carols. A worship service for all ages!

Dec. 24 *7 pm* ***Christmas Eve Celebration***
On this evening, we gather with candles, carols and story to commemorate our fellowship and the gifts of the season. Bring your family and friends; all are invited to this service for all ages

Dec. 31 *11 am* ***Fire Communion***



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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