



Looking for Hope in a Hopeless World

Dr. Jim Stephenson & the UCV Environment Committee

– April 23, 2017 –

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

April 23, 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

Eric Wyness*

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours

Mary Lage

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Mary Lage

Opening Song

Drop in the Bucket by Mitch Barrett
led by Michael Bomford and Liam Bomford-Moore
Words for chorus in the Order of Service

Story for all Ages

The Short and Incredibly Happy Life of Riley
By Colin Thompson and Amy Lissiat
Read by Tamiko Suzuki and David Macdonald

Chanting Meditation

Led by Tamiko Suzuki and our Children
Music: Bach C Major Prelude #1
Piano: Eric Wyness

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

Huguette Sansonnet Hayden, and, for something completely different, a "word" from our Pledge Canvass provided by Léonie Armstrong and Doug Ennenberg

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns

Huguette Sansonnet Hayden

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

Where do the Children Play?

Cat Stevens
Performed by Bryan Gick**

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Closing Hymn #1064-Teal Book

Blue Boat Home

Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Mary Lage

Valediction

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

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* A writer, teacher, musician and Vancouver native, Eric played in several popular rock and jazz outfits while doing classical music at UBC, taking piano with Bob Rogers, theory and composition with Cortland Hultberg. After studying gamelan in Bali, Eric returned to write, teach, and lead the notorious freeform improv ensemble *die fliegende Untertassen*.

** Bryan Gick is a regular member of the UCV Chalice Choir. He has sung tenor in many light opera productions and early music ensembles, on many street corners and before countless campfires. He is Professor and Head of the UBC Department of Linguistics.

*** Dr. Jim Stephenson has a BS in electrical engineering and a joint PhD in business and economics from Stanford University. He currently lives in North Vancouver, British Columbia, and recently retired from work as a computer consultant. Jim's past experience includes First Nations economic development, projects for various BC corporations, and consultancy work for several global corporate clients. As a professor of business, he has taught policy analysis and information systems at UBC and SFU. He is just finishing his term as Past President of Dying with Dignity Canada. Jim is also a member and past president of the North Shore Unitarian Church and has served his community as a volunteer Scout Leader. He has run three times for public office as a Green Party candidate.

Chorus for *A Drop in the Bucket* by Mitch Barrett:

A drop in the bucket
And a bucket in the pond,
And the pond fills a river
And the river rushes on.

Every river swells a river,
'til the power can't be stopped.
What becomes a mighty ocean,
Started as a Drop.

Next Sunday Service: April 30, 2017, 11 am

Does Religion Have an Auto-Immune Disease?

Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson

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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APRIL 23, 2017 – TODAY AT UCV

SING TO THE POWER OF GIVING!



Dear UCV members and friends: we are nearing our April 23rd wrap-up day for the 2017 Pledge Canvass. We have received \$245,000 towards our goal of \$400,000, 61% towards our target, from 119 singles, couples and families, 39% of our community. If you have already pledged, thank you so much for your generous response.

If you haven't, please consider doing so now by calling the office at 604-361-7204. We need to know how much money you think you can contribute for the 2017/18 church year in order to plan the budget. Your pledged amount may be changed at any time as/when circumstances change.

We'll be making follow-up phone calls next week to everyone who hasn't responded. Please help us with making our follow-up list as short as possible! Many thanks, *Liz Monrad and Lynn Armstrong*.

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.

FORUM: 12:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Our Forum on April 23 (the day after Earth Day) gives us an opportunity to share ideas with and offer encouragement to one another so we can help be the change we wish to see in the world. RandallMacKinnon@ymail.com

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! Sunday morning classes and childcare are provided 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 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 three 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 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.

CHILDREN’S ART SHOW: Our children started out the year studying cosmology and our origins in the universe. We learned about nebulae, stars, atoms, the Big Bang, giant stars, gravity, super novae, black holes and how every atom in our bodies and the evolution of life on earth is connected to all this cosmic activity. This art show is presented by our Awesome Kids (mostly age 7-9) and includes artwork inspired by our cosmic explorations, NASA photos of planets and moons in our solar system, and Hubble Telescope photos of nebulae, stars, and galaxies.

YOUTH GROUP: Our High School Youth Group (grades 8-12) meets from 1—3 pm each Sunday in Hirschmanova on the lower level of Hewett Centre. Our Youth Group is led collaboratively by the youth and trained advisors. They explore issues of faith development, social justice, life experiences, trials, tribulations and joys of navigating life—and they always include a good measure of fun and games. All youth members and visitors are welcome.

Books in our Library Related to Today’s Service:

- *Active Hope* by Joanne Macy and Chris Johnstone (303.4)
- *Hope, Human and Wild: True Stories of Living Lightly on the Earth* by Bill McKibben (363.70)
- *Anatomy of an Epidemic* by Robert Whitaker (616.89)
- *The Leap: How to Survive and Thrive in the Sustainable Economy* (338.92)
- *The Road Less Traveled* by Scott Peck (M.D.)

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 30 FORUM: 12:30 pm in the Fireside Room. *Sacred Circle Dance Taster* – Leslie Kemp, Mairy Beam, Mary Bennett and circle dancers. Have you noticed the invitations to circle dance and wondered what it’s all about? Come and hear from several UCV members who find that sacred circle dancing is an important part of their spiritual journey. We’ll share why we do it, a bit of the history and culture and then we’ll invite you to join us (or observe) several dances choreographed for Unitarian Songs.

PLANNING COMMITTEE & ADVISORY GROUP REMINDER: Meeting with architect and consultant on Tuesday April 25, in the Hewett Hall at 7:00 pm.

ISC CULTURAL SAFETY WORKSHOP: The InterSpiritual Centre of Vancouver Society (ISC) is hosting a workshop on Cultural Safety in our relationships with Indigenous neighbours on Thursday, April 27, from 12:30 – 4 pm. This session will take place in the Fireside Room, and will be led by Jada-Gabrielle Pape of "Courage Consulting." The ISC can make a number of spaces available to UCV members without cost. If you would like to take part in this extraordinary opportunity, please contact Louise Mangan at mangan.louise@gmail.com.

SFU PHILOSOPHER'S CAFÉ: Friday, April 28 (last Friday), 7 – 9 pm. Fireside Room, Hewett Hall. Leap of Faith: what actions and communication could members of a faith group undertake to constructively and meaningfully address climate change? Moderated by Randall MacKinnon, RandallMackinnon@yahoo.ca – Co-sponsored by SFU and UCV

NEXT MOVEABLE FEAST: Saturday, April 29 at 6 pm. Location: Po Kong Chinese Vegetarian Restaurant, 1334 Kingsway (near 23rd Ave.). Please RSVP to secure your place at the table! Contact Dianne Crosbie (dcrosbie@uniserve.com) or Karen Bartlett (Karen.bartlett@ubc.ca)

ALL PARTIES FORUM: All Parties Election Forum on Environment and Social Justice. May 3, 7–9 pm at UCV. Co-sponsored by the Social Justice and Environment Committees, Unitarian Church of Vancouver, and the Suzuki Elders of the David Suzuki Foundation, the forum will focus on Social Justice (ending poverty, welfare rates, child care, affordable housing); Environment/Sustainability (transportation, Deas Island Bridge); and Jobs and the Economy (Party plans for a clean green economy with sustainable long term employment). All welcome!

CHALICE CHOIR SPRING CONCERT: Celebrate Spring! Join the Chalice Choir for a concert featuring the Chichester Psalms by Bernstein, along with a medley from West Side Story and a singalong. Childcare provided. Reception to follow. Sunday, May 7 at 7:30 pm, Sanctuary. Tickets: \$20 (Low income – pay what you can.) Available from any choir member or at the door. Tickets will be on sale in Hewett Centre today after the service.

THIRD SUNDAY BOOK GROUP: Sunday, May 21, 12:30 pm in the Lindsey-Priestley room. *This is My Country, What's Yours?* A literary road trip around Canada, in which author Noah Richler posits this question to himself and the readers and interviews many contemporary Canadian writers. Copies available for sign-out and borrowing behind the desk in the UCV library. Presenter: Barb Taylor

NEW COVENANT GROUP FORMING: We have had some interest in a new covenant group - These groups usually meet monthly for 1.5-2 hours and are "mostly listening". Once formed a group is usually a maximum of 10 members and stay together for a year or two. If you'd like to know more about these groups, contact Mary, maryinvancouver@gmail.com. I'll try to arrange a meeting after church for all those interested within the next month or so. There's a lot of information at smallgroupministry.net or search vancouverunitarians.ca for "covenant group" if you want to learn more in the meantime.

UCV'S NEW COMING OF AGE PROGRAM! Next year UCV will be running a Coming of Age mentorship program for children and youth age 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) and come meet with us at the May 12th Messy Church dinner at 5 pm to help shape next year's program.

FINDING IT HARD TO MEET PEOPLE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS? We know that coffee hour can be a little busy and noisy - and conversations may start but get interrupted. Your "Hygge" Team has lined up at least one potluck dinner for small groups in members' homes or at the church through to June. Please contact Mary at ucvhygge@gmail.com to get details.

SHARE YOUR STORY: A SERMON WRITING WORKSHOP: Sat. May 27, 2017, 12:30–5:30 pm at UCV. Facilitated by Rev. Meg Roberts. Workshop cost also includes 1 follow-up group coaching session to help integrate learning. **Cost:** Early Bird special to April 30 is \$35. (May 1–18 is \$50). Maximum 24 participants so register early. For more information contact UCV Worship Committee chair Way Kent: 110395@telus.net or phone the UCV office (604-261-7204) Early Bird Registration Deadline is April 30, final registration deadline is May 18.

UCV Vision Taskforce--

(Léonie Armstrong [co-chair], Rev. Steven Epperson, Cole Harris, Kiersten Moore, Hanno Pinder, Jenny Podlecki, Paul Prescod [co-chair], Tamiko Suzuki)

UCV Vision Statement

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.

On April 16, UCV members voted overwhelmingly in favour of the proposed *Vision and Living Our Vision* statements. Thanks to all of you who registered your vote and comments. The Vision Taskforce will present these statements at the Extraordinary General Meeting on June 25th for a formal vote. We will also present to the Board and UCV members significant priorities arising from these statements.

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	Raj Pendakur, Pat Johnson
FLOWERS	Carolyn Innes
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL	Frances Anderson, Laura Gerken, David Buchanan
LUNCH	yUUth Group
ORDER OF SERVICE	Marcus Hynes
SOUND	Rob Greig
GREETERS	John and Rae Smith, Greg Grant, Gary Smook, Hilda Wiebe
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Huguette Hayden, George Atherton

STAFF

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UCV LAY CHAPLAINS	Nan Gregory, Louise Bunn

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