



# *Fire Communion*

Patrick Dubois and Léonie Armstrong

– January 1, 2017 –

# UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

January 1, 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.



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

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**Prelude**

with Patrick Dubois

**Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours**

Léonie Armstrong

**Kindling the Chalice Flame**

*On Letting Go* Robert Paul Gilles  
read by Léonie Armstrong

**Opening Hymn #1011**

*Return Again*

**Story for all Ages**

*Persephone*  
read by Léonie Armstrong

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Reading from the Book of  
Celebrations and Concerns**

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

*Everybody Knows* Leonard Cohen  
with Patrick Dubois

**Homily: Part I**

*On the Darkness* Léonie Armstrong

**Congregational Singing**

*Be Still and Know*

*Be still and know the day and night.*

*Be still and know the dark and light are one holy circle.*

**Meditation**

*Let Go* Lois Van Leer  
Léonie Armstrong

## **Fire Communion Ritual**

*After the reading there will be a moment of silence.*

*You are invited to breathe onto your rosemary sprig all that you are aware of passing out of your life at this time. Music will begin and the cauldron will be lit. When you feel ready, come forward and place your sprig of rosemary on the flame and watch the fire consume it, leaving something transformed behind.*

## **Reading**

*In Between* Kate R. Walker  
Léonie Armstrong

## **Meditation**

*Pure Imagination* Bricusse and Newley  
(in honour of Gene Wilder)

## **Homily: Part II**

*Let the Light Shine In*  
Léonie Armstrong

## **Closing Hymn #34**

*Though I May Speak With Bravest Fire*

## **Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame**

*Let Us Begin Again in Love*  
Lois Van Leer  
Léonie Armstrong

## **Valediction**

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.  
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Note: Our Cauldron was made by sculptor and UCV member Louise Bunn.

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**Next Sunday Service: January 8, 2017, 11 am**

# ***Dark Money: Epiphany and the Hidden Trillions***

**Rev. 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*

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## **JANUARY 1, 2017**

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:** Our regular program will resume January 8.

**Childcare is available** for children up to age three between 10:45 and 12:30 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.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Our High School Youth Group (grades 8-12) meets from 1—3 pm each Sunday in Hitschmanova 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 anytime.

**2017 MULTIFAITH CALENDARS** now available for purchase before and after the service in Hewett Hall! Beautiful, art filled calendars include notes about festivals each month from world religions of all kinds. They make wonderful gifts! \$15 each or 2 for \$25. All proceeds support the Children and Youth programming.

### **BOOKS IN THE UCV LIBRARY RELATED TO TODAY'S SERVICE**

#### **FORUM, FIRESIDE, 12:30 – 1:30 PM**

Happy New Year.

You say you've got a resolution .....

Chat over coffee - looking forward, looking back.

*RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca*

#### **ART IN THE CHURCH:**

**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](mailto:victoriaoginski@gmail.com).

#### **HOW WE'RE CHANGING THE WORLD!**

Our Palestinian refugees are becoming Canadians; the first time they have ever been allowed to become citizens of any country!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOVE SOUP:** A big thank you for braving the snow and coming to enjoy *Love Soup* last Sunday! Another huge thank you for the committed helpers and emergency rescuers! Because of you *Love Soup* could keep going!  
Our next *Love Soup* will be January 15, 2017 so please mark your calendar !  
We wish you all very merry Christmas and a happy new year!!!

**UCV COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE HAS A VACANT CHAIR!** This is a fine committee with hard working folk, producing the UCV website and UCV Events, among other things. As of January 1, it requires a coordinator to call infrequent meetings, submit an annual report, and to keep the bits together. Please email Connie, [cwigmore1@shaw.ca](mailto:cwigmore1@shaw.ca), for further information or to state your interest.

**OUR RE PROGRAM IS LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS FOR OUR CHILDCARE ROOM AND PRESCHOOL CLASS:** infant bouncy seat; infant play mat; dramatic play props; ethnically diverse dolls (clothed). Please see Kiersten Moore before or after the service.

**ARE: CHRONIC PAIN SUPPORT GROUP:** What do we say when we don't want to appear foolish or unkind? I understand that if one hasn't ever really been in pain, it might be hard to imagine what it is like. It is okay to ask about the pain. It is not that elephant we like to have living in our room—that is something else. Talking about our pain is good. Being a friend to someone in debilitating pain may seem boring or scary or hard on the patience but remember chronic pain so easily leads to isolation. Isolation leads to depression. Pain, isolation, and depression can be fatal. A simple visit from you can not only be a distraction from the pain, but also helps to break the pain, isolation, depression cycle.  
If you know someone who would benefit from a support group for people and run by people living with chronic pain, tell she or he to visit the Fireside Room, Thursdays at 11 am. If mornings are a difficult time of day, I am available to talk 604-818-5994  
[skdalgleish@gmail.com](mailto:skdalgleish@gmail.com)

### ***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](mailto:careandconcern@vancouverunitarians.ca)”*  
*sincerely, Rev. Steven Epperson*

## ***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**

<b>COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS</b>	Adele Cleverdon, Catherine Stewart
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Chris Pearce
<b>LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL</b>	Jean Stanton, Randall MacKinnon
<b>LUNCH</b>	No lunch
<b>ORDER OF SERVICE</b>	Hunter MacNiven
<b>SOUND</b>	Rob Taylor
<b>GREETERS</b>	Ursula Litzcke, Denise Nereida, Melody Mason, Gerda Schulz
<b>WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE</b>	Karen Bartlett, Jane Sutherland

### **STAFF**

<b>PARISH MINISTER</b>	Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>COMMUNITY MINISTER</b>	Rev. Laura Imayoshi
<b>DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>	Kiersten Moore
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### **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