



The Radical King

Rev. Steven Epperson

– January 15, 2017 –

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

January 15, 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 Spirituals played by E. Dainow

Invocation *Where Do We Come From* Brian Tate
with the Chalice Choir

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame Rev. Steven Epperson

Opening Hymn #139 *Wonders Still the World Shall Witness*

Story for all Ages read by Rev. Steven Epperson

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

Welcome and Announcements Julia Myers

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns Julia Myers

Offering: *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.* *We Have the Love* Mary Grigolia
(dedicated to Martin Luther King)
Nicola Hamilton, vocals; E. Dainow, piano

Meditation, spoken then silent Rev. Steven Epperson

Musical Response *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* arr. E. Dainow
with the Chalice Choir

Sermon *The Radical King*
Rev. Steven Epperson

Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Valediction *Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.
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Rev. King being arrested for leading a civil rights demonstration in St. Augustine, Florida 1964

Next Sunday Service: January 22, 2017, 11 am

Inherent Worth and Dignity
UCV Youth Group

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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From Rev. Steven Epperson

“Last week at the end of our worship service on the scourge of tax havens, I encouraged everyone to write a letter to our MPs and Canada’s Finance Minister. Thank-you so much to those who have already written and sent their letters. For those of us who haven’t, a sample letter is printed below. Reminder: letters sent to the House of Commons are postage free.”

The Honourable Bill Morneau, MP
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

SAMPLE

Dear Mr. Morneau:

Among the religious/moral values I hold dear are truth, justice, equity and the democratic process. I am writing to you with these values firmly in view. I am shocked by the recent revelations of the “Panama Papers” and their disclosure of the scourge of tax havens, off-shored wealth and the estimated \$6 billion of taxable revenue lost to our nation every year. Democracies are based on principle of “fiscal consent,” the fundamental social contract that everybody has to pay taxes on a fair and transparent basis so as to finance equitable access to public goods and services.

Economists have concluded that there is a solution to the threat to democracy and the dire effects of lost tax revenue as a consequence of tax havens: first, create an effective system for the automatic global exchange of information about bank accounts; and second, establish a globally transparent register of all companies that would list the **real** owners of companies and foundations. This information would enable Canada and other national tax administrations to fight tax evasion and to levy taxes on capital-income flows and wealth stocks.

I call on our government to lead out in advocacy for the international community to take these two steps.

Sincerely,



Jesus attacking the financial exchange in the Temple courtyard, Rembrandt
(detail from original etching)

JANUARY 15, 2017

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); Stardust Origins (ages 7-9 and 10-12).

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.

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

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.

FORUM, FIRESIDE, 12:30 – 1:30 PM: *Re-living Our Lives* with Rev. Dr. Phillip Hewett.

A provocative insight was captured in these brief quotations:

“We had the experience but missed the meaning, /And approach to the meaning restores the experience /In a different form...” (T.S. Eliot). “Everyone should live their life twice, for the first attempt is always blind”. (Edwin Muir).

In the past we explored this theme in small groups and other congregations have done the same. Perhaps the time has come to do it again, and Rev Dr. Phillip Hewett will outline and illustrate the process today.

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.

LOVE SOUP: Happy New Year 2017!

The first *Love Soup* of 2017 is today, Jan 15. Please come and enjoy our hot and delicious soup, fresh salad, yummy dessert and tasty Terra Bread.

We will be waiting for you in our friendly dining room in the Hewett Centre. Your help, large and small, will be greatly appreciated.

ART IN THE CHURCH: *Alchemical Visions* by Louise Bunn / *SignPosts* by Mary Bennett. New work in mixed-media.

Sun, Jan. 15: A walkabout with the artists. Fireside Room, 12:15—12:30 pm (before the forum) and Sanctuary 12:30—12:45 pm. Drop in, chat, and ask questions.

Wed, Jan. 25: 7—9 pm, Artists' Talk – Louise and Mary will give an illustrated talk about their current work (and what preceded it and what's coming next). Starts in Fireside Room and then moves to Sanctuary for a walkabout.

THIRD SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION happens Today at 12:30 pm in Lindsey-Priestley to discuss the novel *The Dalai Lama's Cat* by David Michie, which deals with life in the Dalai Lama's residence as reported by his warmhearted, irreverent and wise cat. We come away knowing more about the Dalai Lama, Buddhism and cats (and smiling). Everyone is welcome.

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE is meeting today in Biddle at 12:30. Interested or curious to hear what is going on? Come by and check out what we are doing within the church, around town, and beyond!

HOW WE'RE CHANGING THE WORLD!
Our Palestinian children are proud Canadians,
who speak accentless English.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUMBLEBERRY SUNDAE AND BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY, JAN 22, 2017: Bring a friend to experience all that UCV offers; they may discover they were closet Unitarians all along. After the service, enjoy Bumbleberry Sundaes courtesy of the New U Committee. Every berry lovingly handpicked last summer.

ALL ACTIVISTS DINNER: Friday January 20, 6—9 pm.

The Environment Committee is inviting millennial activists from the community to a dinner and evening of story telling this Friday in the Hewett Centre. UCV members are invited too!

If you are a young adult or if you have lived through the big social justice and environmental events of the 60's, 70's and 80's up to today, and would like to share your stories, we need you!

Reserve a seat by signing up after the service or contacting Tamiko Suzuki
tamiko.l.suzuki@gmail.com

SFU PHILOSOPHERS' CAFÉ: It's back! The Philosopher's Café returns and is co-sponsored by Simon Fraser University and UCV. It will be held on the last Friday of the month, starting in January 27, 7–9 pm in the Fireside Room. Admission - free.

Topic: 2016 Published Progress? What news proclaimed as major advances or triumphs might also be viewed as dubious progress – at best? Randall MacKinnon, Moderator

JANUARY'S MOVEABLE FEAST FOR UNITARIANS AND FRIENDS



We will be dining at an upscale Japanese Restaurant, Zipang
<http://www.zipangprovisions.com/>

Located at 3068 Main Street, between 14th and 15th. Join us on Saturday, January 28 at 6:00 pm. To reserve a place at the Feast table, RSVP to dcrosbie@uniserve.com

NEW U IN A DAY

Interested in learning more about Unitarianism and the Unitarian Church of Vancouver?

Come to NEW U in a Day, Saturday Feb 4, 2017, 9:15 am – 2:30 pm, Fireside Room.

Coffee and Muffins 9:00 am, lunch provided. Attendance encouraged prior to becoming a UCV member. Interested current members also welcome. Registration forms available at the Welcome Table or church office. Babysitting requests 2 weeks in advance. Questions, contact Dianne Crosbie at dcrosbie@uniserve.com or the church office 604 261-7204.

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”

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

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS	Eric Chen, Liz Monrad
FLOWERS	Diane Donaldson
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL	Frances Anderson, Laura Gerken, David Buchanan
LUNCH	Love Soup
ORDER OF SERVICE	Hunter MacNiven
SOUND	Kaelyn Elfert
GREETERS	Jane Sutherland, Shirley McLeod, Carolyn Grant, Denise Nereida
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Naomi Taylor, Audrey Cook

STAFF

PARISH MINISTER	Rev. Steven Epperson
COMMUNITY MINISTER	Rev. Laura Imayoshi
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Kiersten Moore
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CONGREGATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR	Hunter MacNiven
OFFICE ASSISTANT	Marcus Hynes
BOOKKEEPER	Collene Harris
SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS	Virginia Crabill, Robert Schultz
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