



image credit: "Los crossing the threshold," William Blake

Unitarians and Prayer

Rev. Steven Epperson

– January 29, 2017 –

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

January 29, 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	<i>Prayers for 2 Voices</i>	Andy Backus* / arr. E. Dainow E. Dainow, piano
Invocation		<i>Oh I Woke Up This Morning</i> traditional with the Chalice Choir
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		
Opening Hymn #347		<i>Gather the Spirit</i>
Honouring Our Lay Chaplains		
Story for all Ages		read by Rev. Steven Epperson
	Let's sing the children out " <i>Go now...</i> "	
Welcome and Announcements		Jenny Podlecki
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Jenny Podlecki
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Hear My Prayer, O Lord</i>	Henry Purcell Chalice Ensemble**
Meditation, spoken then silent		<i>Deep River</i> , trad. Arr. D. P. Moore With the Chalice Choir
Musical Response		Rev. Steven Epperson
Sermon	<i>Unitarians and Prayer</i>	Rev. Steven Epperson

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

* Andy Backus was an interim minister at this church many years ago and a talented amateur composer.

**This piece by Purcell is one of my absolute favourites in all choral music and I am most indebted to the Chalice Ensemble for putting in the extra effort and time to present this to you today.—*Elliott*



image credit: A Prayer for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Next Sunday Service: February 5, 2017, 11 am

***All my relations – a First Nations;
Perspective on Wholeness***

**Sharon Jinkerson-Brass and Solomon Reece Anishinabe and Tsimshian
Nations Glida and Jade Morgan Tla'amin and Gitwangak Nations**

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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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 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 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 anytime.

FORUM, FIRESIDE, 12:45 – 1:45 PM: The Board is looking forward to sharing with you an opportunity which has come up to explore options around a possible redevelopment of the UCV campus and further our visioning journey.

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOW WE'RE CHANGING THE WORLD!

Over 75 *Activists Across the Ages* shared their experiences on Jan. 20, 2017 in Hewett Centre. Older activists shared experiences going back to the 1960's, younger activists shared experiences and concerns as they organize and take action in today's world. These intergenerational conversations will continue.

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 at 9 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. Questions, contact Dianne Crosbie at dcrosbie@uniserve.com or the church office 604 261-7204.

WASSAIL! Sunday, February 5 after church outside in the Orchard. Apple trees and dancing and drinking! Wake up our Apple Trees with this ages old English and Celtic tradition. Harken in the spring with song, children's dance, and hot apple cider.
A brief, uplifting ceremony, directly after the service.

SACRED CIRCLE DANCING: Tuesday, Feb. 7. Celebrate Brigid's Day and the turning from winter to spring. All dances are taught before dancing. No experience or partners needed. Special treat: Nan Gregory will tell her Brigid story. RSVP or more info contact Mary Bennett at circle-dance@vancouverunitarians.ca

FAMILY DAY CIRCLE DANCE, FAMILY LOVE: We'll dance heart and love-themed dances in honour of our family, our loved ones. Optional Dress: You may choose to dress in Valentine's Day colours of red, purple and pink and bring extras to lend. Mon., February 13 in the Hall, 7—9 pm, by donation. Facilitator: Corinne Chepil.

HYGGE FOR YOU! Patti Turner and Mary Bennett have picked up the organizing of circle dinners - rebranded to "Hygge" dinners. Hygge is a Danish word meaning cozy and we'd like to encourage more hygge! Usually in people's homes with 6-8 other people. Contact ucvhygge@gmail.com if you can host (you provide the space but don't cook--your guests bring all the food!) For this first one for 2017, we'll have a potluck at UCV February 18 6-8:30pm. Please RSVP. <https://hygge-feb.eventbrite.ca> or to Mary or Patti.

THE UCV THIRD SUNDAY BOOK GROUP will meet Sunday, Feb. 19 from 12:30 - 2 pm in Hewett Centre, Lindsey-Priestley Room. The book to be discussed is *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. This children's book explores the concepts of dreams, magic, mystery, love and belonging using a playful approach to words. Everyone is welcome.

THINKING OF JOINING A COVENANT GROUP? One meets every fourth Sunday of the month in Hewett Centre and currently has two openings. To find out more, email notrehta@gmail.com or phone 604-682-2557. —George Atherton

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.

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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