



Conversations & Connections

Rosemary Morrison

– July 2, 2017 –

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

July 2, 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

Angel
Out Here On My Own
The Prayer

Sarah McLachlan
Michael Gore
Caroline Bayer Sager & David Foster
Performed by Elaine Joe

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours

Rosemary Morrison

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Rosemary Morrison

Opening Hymn #1000

Morning Has Come

Story for all Ages

Read by Léonie Armstrong

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

Welcome and Announcements

Jenny Podlecki

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns

Jenny Podlecki

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

Arabesque

Claude Debussy
performed by Elaine Joe

Meditation

Shepherd's Song

Roger Quilter
Performed by Elaine Joe

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Closing Hymn #1018

Come and Go With Me

Closing Words

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Valediction

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.
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Next Sunday Service: July 9, 2017, 11 am

Elizabeth Gaskell: A Unitarian Novelist in Industrial Manchester

Mason Harris

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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JULY 2, 2017 – 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 find the Fun with Meaning! Our Summer program is small and laid back, focused on games, gardening, and art led by volunteer guides and parents. Activities are open to both members and visitors. 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 five 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 adult family members through the service if they prefer.

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

YOUTH GROUP Our High School Youth Group (grades 8-12) does not meet during the summer. During the school year our Youth Group is led collaboratively by the youth and trained advisors. They meet weekly to explore issues of faith development, social justice, life experiences, trials, tribulations, and joys of navigating life—through games and small group activities. Other activities include monthly youth sleepovers at the church, Regional UU Youth Conferences, and the UU-United Nations Office (NYC) Spring Seminar on Global Migration in April of 2018. Please contact Olivia Hall (oliviahmargaret@gmail.com) or Kiersten Moore (dre@vancouverunitarians.ca) for more information.

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.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW IMPROVED WEBSITE: vancouverunitarians.ca

There's a lot of information and organized in an easy-to-find way. Please look around and see what's there. The "Events List" under News & Events will likely be a frequently used page.

UCV EVENTS LISTINGS FOR JULY are available for pickup today at the welcome table. Friendly reminder: Mary Bennett and Margo Elfert compile the UCV Events publication monthly. Events must have a scheduled date in that month. For July and August, we are doing a one-pager with just worship services and the calendar. The deadline for submissions is the 18th of the previous month. Please contact ucvevents@gmail.com with your listing information. Thank you!

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The children's program is still in need of volunteer guides to engage any children ages 5 and up in gardening, art, and games for the following dates: **July 30th (leader and assistant); August 13th, 20th, and 27th (assistants needed); September 3rd assistant needed.** Please contact **Kiersten Moore** at dre@vancouverunitarians.ca if you can help.

MOVEABLE FEAST FOR JULY:, Saturday July 29th @ 6:00 pm, is heading to the Beach. We will meet on the beach just west of the Jericho pier. Bring a picnic or you can purchase dinner at the Jericho Sailing Centre <https://thegalley.ca>. Bring a beach chair or blanket and your beverage. If the weather is not favourable, we will meet in the Jericho Sailing Galley Patio & Grill. For more information: dcrosbie@uniserve.com



NORTHWEST WILDERNESS SOCIETY: Are you starting to think about making plans for those delicious lazy summer holidays!?! Do you dream of the tranquility of a fresh water lake amidst an informal community of fellow nature worshippers? Do you yearn to experience the simple things in life with your family or friends? Come to Wilderness anytime between July 1 and August 31. For more information, please check the website www.kootenaywildernesscamping.org, or email info@kootenaywildernesscamping.org, or phone Mary Lage at 604-435-9265. Brochures are available in Hewett Centre (under the Unitarian Camps area).

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).

LAY CHAPLAIN OPPORTUNITY: UCV Lay Chaplains co-create and officiate at weddings, memorials, child blessings and other rites of passage ceremonies such as house blessings and coming out ceremonies. It's a joyful, loving service to the greater community beyond UCV. It's also a path to personal spiritual growth. The work is demanding but intermittent. It asks for maturity, empathy, imagination, and wholeheartedness. Its benefits are beyond words. For more details about the job's requirements and its blessings, contact Nan Gregory, nangregory@shaw.ca, 604-228-1450, or Katherine Roback, katherinekroback@gmail.com, 604-872-0426.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: The Overdose Prevention Society (OPS) is the organization to receive funds from OOF from the beginning of June until the end of September. OPS was founded in September 2016 by three women who were concerned about how little was being done about the growing fentanyl crisis in Vancouver. In potential violation of the law, they set up a drug injection site in an alley in Vancouver's downtown Eastside to combat the many overdose deaths and have saved hundreds of lives. Their peer-based services are beneficial to the health authority, to the community, and to the participants themselves and ensure access to health & welfare services to excluded, vulnerable & marginalized people.

ART EXHIBITION – “WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE”: Presented by the Vancouver Sketch Club. We have chosen the theme to reflect on how precious this resource is. Water slakes thirst, nurtures, replenishes. Water can be churned into a storm, harnessed for energy or allowed to float placidly. Flora and fauna need water for survival and enhancement. Water can also be destroyed by careless action. We have a varied selection of paintings which represent this life force.

Paintings are for sale – if you see a painting you would like to purchase, please contact the artist directly or at the following email: vansketchclub@gmail.com. For more information about the club, visit our website at www.myartclub.com/the.vancouver.sketch.club.



AIR TRAVEL HAS MORE CLIMATE IMPACT THAN ANY OTHER FORM OF TRAVEL: Donate to the UCV Green Fund to offset your trip's carbon emissions. Calculate Co2 emissions at <http://www.carbonzero.ca/calculate>

HOW WE'RE CHANGING THE WORLD!

At least 22 Vancouver Unitarians participated in the Walk 4 the Salish Sea that began in Victoria on May 25 and ended at the Kinder Morgan terminal in Burnaby on May 28. One of us was present at virtually every stage of this march. It was an all-nations gathering against the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion project and we were proud to be part of this public action.

A HUGE THANK YOU:" LOVE SOUP " on June 18 was another SUCCESS !!!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED STRONG SUPPORT AND HELP !!!
As I reported at EGM last Sunday, June 25, we did very well in last 10 months. **THIS** was our Third Season and we will take July & August Summer Off. We will start the Fourth Season from the Third Sunday, September 17. **A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES TO ALL HELPERS TO KEEP " LOVE SOUP " GOING !!! HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER !!!**

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CREATIVE ARTS ELIOT CAMP 2017 FOR UUS AND THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Did you know that there is an arts-related summer camp run by The Eliot Institute for UUs of all ages in our area (Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, Alaska, and Western Idaho) and their friends and family? *Creative Arts Eliot 2017* will take place at the beautiful Seabeck Conference Center on Hood Canal in Seabeck, Washington from August 12 through August 16, 2017, and will offer opportunities for UUs and friends and relatives to enjoy many wonderful aspects of a multi-generational camp experience. For more information, please contact the Eliot Administrator at Eliotregistrar@gmail.com or visit our website at www.eliotinstitute.org.

EXPLORING CANADIAN RESILIENCY - *Sharing Our Journey Through Story and Song*: Sunday, July 23. Langar at 4 pm, Program begins at 5:30 pm. Join the Multifaith Action Society (UCV tenants), Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara, and the Naad Foundation on an uplifting participatory journey as we gather together to honour over 150 years of rich spiritual diversity through story and song. Arrive early to share in Langar, the traditional vegetarian Sikh communal meal. Then lend your voice to a chorus of celebration, integrating teachings from a wide range of spiritual traditions, starting with the teachings of our indigenous people. Admission is free and all are welcome. For more information or to pre-register, visit www.multifaithaction.org.

SEEKING ACCOMMODATION: Professional, mature, minimalistic, clean, single, gay man seeking accommodation in the downtown area.

Between \$700-\$1000/month, prefers non-complicated and non-smoking

If you know of a place, a person, or a networking option please contact kengodmere@gmail.com or 604-369-6113. With appreciation, Ken

FREE INTRODUCTORY EVENING: bring your family and friends July 19th 7- 9 pm at the Canadian Memorial Centre for Peace 1825 W.16th Ave with Shindo Healer & Meditation Teacher, Jose Antonio Manchado. Google **Vancouver-Tibetan-Healing-Meetup** for workshop details. For registration and additional information on this and other workshops, email madyemooney@gmail.com



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

Catherine Stewart, Adele Cleverdon

FLOWERS

Chris Pearce

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Jean Stanton, Randall MacKinnon

ORDER OF SERVICE

Marcus Hynes

SOUND

Rob Taylor

GREETERS

Ursula Litzcke, Denise Nereida, Melody Mason, Gerda Schulz

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Karen Brummell, Paul Wright

STAFF

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Rev. Steven Epperson

COMMUNITY MINISTER

Rev. Laura Imayoshi

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Kiersten Moore

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Virginia Crabill, Robert Schultz

UCV LAY CHAPLAINS

Nan Gregory, Louise Bunn

The Unitarian Church of Vancouver

A Vision for Our Congregation

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.