

*Canadian Scenes by Seth*

## ***Thoughts on Canada at 150***

Rev. Steven Epperson & UCV Members

– June 25, 2017 –

# UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

June 25, 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**

*Saints and Sinners  
Did She Mention My Name*

David Francey  
Gordon Lightfoot  
performed by JES\*

**Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours**

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Kindling the Chalice Flame**

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Opening Hymn #361**

*Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

**Awards Presentation**

**Story for all Ages**

Read by Rev. Steven Epperson

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

Karen Bartlett

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

Karen Bartlett

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

*Ain't No Cure for Love*

Leonard Cohen  
arr. Jennifer Warnes  
performed by JES

**Meditation**

*One Day I Walk*

Bruce Cockburn  
Performed by JES

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Tamiko Suzuki, Setty Pendakaur, Geoff Gomery, Olivia Hall & Rev. Steven Epperson

**Closing Hymn #411**

*Part in Peace*

**Closing Words**

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Valediction**

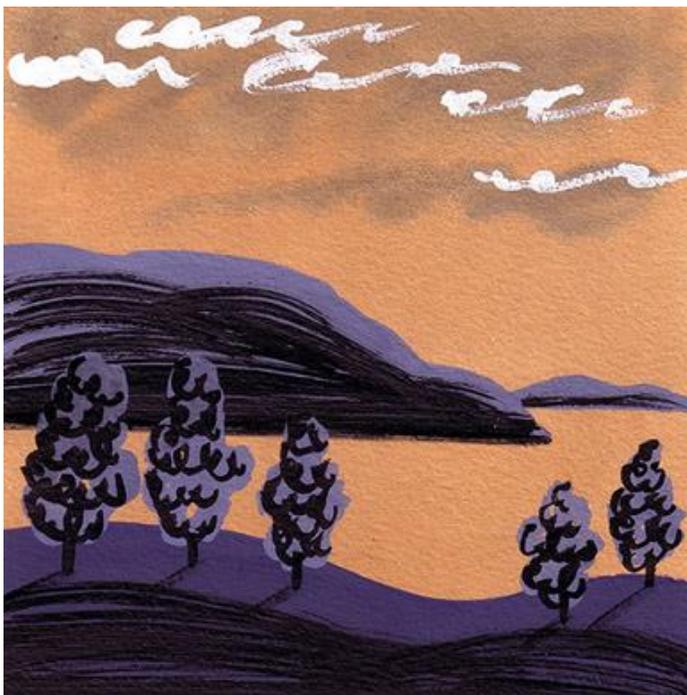
*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.  
Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.*

**Postlude**

*Providence Ferry*

Joe Charron  
performed by JES

*\* JES is Jane Slemon, Ellen van der Hoeven, and Susan Larkin. A tight braid of voices backed by a tapestry of instruments, the members of this musical friendship often can't help but get themselves mixed up with one another. JES brings a diverse repertoire that includes celtic, folk roots, and original songs, and today featuring songs by Canadian writers.*



*Canadian Scenes by Seth, The Walrus, July/August 2010*

**Next Sunday Service: July 2, 2017, 11 am**

***Connections and Conversations***

Rosemary Morrison

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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## JUNE 25, 2017 – TODAY AT UCV

### **UCV Extraordinary General Meeting**

**June 25, 2017, 12:45 – 2 pm**

NOTICE of the UCV Extraordinary General meeting (EGM). Agenda items include the budget for 2017/18, our new UCV Vision statement, updates on redevelopment discussions, and renewal of lay chaplains.

### **From the UCV Vision Taskforce:**

#### *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 informally voted overwhelmingly in favour of the proposed *Vision* and *Living Our Vision* statements. On June 25 at the Extraordinary General Meeting, we will be voting to formally accept the UCV Vision and Living Our Vision statements. The Vision Taskforce will also present to the Board and UCV members significant priorities arising from these statements.

**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.**

**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.

**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).

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**WEBSITE LAUNCH:** The UCV website has had a major change recently. Please look around at [www.vancouverunitarians.ca](http://www.vancouverunitarians.ca). You may find this link to all events helpful:  
<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/ucv/eventlist/>

**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](mailto:ucvevents@gmail.com) with your listing information. Thank you!

**THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM NEEDS YOU!** Do you enjoy spending time with children? Exploring Unitarian values and actions from a new perspective? Do you value patience, curiosity, joy, and kindness? Do you want to see more families make UCV their spiritual home? Kiersten is putting together two teaching teams (grades 1-3 and 4-6), and a preschool assistant team for NEXT year. Each team member would pair up for a total of 10 Sunday classes and 1 Special Event between September and June. Subjects include Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation, OWL gr 4-6, Principles Guiding Action, Connection with Nature and Mindfulness. Teacher Training and Retreat (FUN!) to be offered in August. Contact Kiersten by email or in person: [dre@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:dre@vancouverunitarians.ca)

**SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Children's Program needs volunteers for July and August Sundays to be a Family Guide—to greet and welcome families and to engage any children over age 4 in either gardening, art, games, or any combination thereof. Please find the sign-up sheet circulating in the sanctuary—or after the service in Hewett Hall.

**SFU PHILOSOPHER'S CAFE:** Friday, June 30 from 7 – 9 pm. Fireside Room, Hewett Hall  
**Stay or Staycation?** How does a local Vancouverite experience Vancouver differently from a visitor? What places and spaces would be meaningful to a local, but perhaps less interesting to a tourist? Admission – Free. Moderator [RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca](mailto:RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca). *Co-sponsored by SFU and UCV*

**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](http://www.kootenaywildernesscamping.org), or email [info@kootenaywildernesscamping.org](mailto:info@kootenaywildernesscamping.org), or phone Mary Lage at 604-435-9265. Brochures are available in Hewett Centre (under the Unitarian Camps area).

**UPCOMING POTLUCK DINNERS:** Thursday, June 29 in Kitsilano, hosted by Melody Mason – Maximum 9 guests (4 spots remain). Salon-style discussion: How to defend civil liberties in an illiberal environment. RSVP at <https://june-hygge-kits.eventbrite.ca>. Saturday, August 19 in Kerrisdale, hosted by Jeannie Corsi. Hygge contact – email: [ucvhygge@gmail.com](mailto:ucvhygge@gmail.com) web: <http://www.vancouverunitarians.ca/ucv/events/categories/dinners>

**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](mailto:oliviahmargaret@gmail.com)) and Kiersten Moore ([dre@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto: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](mailto:nangregory@shaw.ca), 604-228-1450, or Katherine Roback, [katherinekrobback@gmail.com](mailto:katherinekrobback@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.

**DINNER AND DISCUSSION** – Thursday, June 29, 6 pm. Home of Melody Mason in Kitsilano. RSVP to Mary at [ucvhygge@gmail.com](mailto:ucvhygge@gmail.com) with what you plan to bring. More details at [vancouverunitarians.ca](http://vancouverunitarians.ca) - Click Recent News or search for "Melody".

**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](mailto:vansketchclub@gmail.com). For more information about the club, visit our website at [www.myartclub.com/the.vancouver.sketch.club](http://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.

### **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](mailto:Eliotregistrar@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.eliotinstitute.org](http://www.eliotinstitute.org).

**EXPLORING CANADIAN RESILIENCY - *Sharing Our Journey Through Story and Song*:** Saturday, July 23, 5 – 7:30 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](http://www.multifaithaction.org).

## ***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**

Aphrodite Harris, Hilda Wiebe

#### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

Marcus Hynes

#### **SOUND**

Rob Greig

#### **GREETERS**

John and Rae Smith, Greg Grant, Gary Smook, Hilda Wiebe

#### **WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE**

Nancy Strider, George Atherton

### **STAFF**

#### **PARISH MINISTER**

Rev. Steven Epperson

#### **COMMUNITY MINISTER**

Rev. Laura Imayoshi

#### **DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Kiersten Moore

#### **CHOIR DIRECTOR**

Donna Brown

#### **MUSIC ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER**

Elliott Dainow

#### **CASUAL CARETAKERS**

James Wilson, Mark Klassen, Ben Yeung

Paul Nash, Matt Yeung, Igor Santizo

#### **CONGREGATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR**

Aurora Eyolfson

#### **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*