



Stories From Away: What Other Unitarian Communities are Doing

Keith Wilkinson

– May 7, 2017 –

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

May 7, 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

*Jazz Study #1 / Prelude
'Harold Douglas Brown'
One World (Hymn #133)*

Nicholas Fairbank
David Donaldson* / arr. E. Dainow
Dede Duson / arr. P. Francois
Played by E. Dainow, piano

Invocation

Geoff Gomery

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Geoff Gomery

Opening Hymn

#1028 Fire of Commitment

Story for all Ages

The Four Elements: Fire
By Maria Ruis & J.M. Parramon (1985)
Read by Geoff Gomery

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

Welcome and Announcements

Marg Fletcher

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns

Marg Fletcher

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

The Read-All-About-It Rag

Jeannie Corsi*
E. Dainow, piano

Meditation

#576 A Litany of Restoration

Geoff Gomery & Keith Wilkinson

Musical Response

Keepers of the Earth

Joyce Poley* / arr. E. Dainow
E. Dainow, piano & vocals

Homily

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Closing Hymn

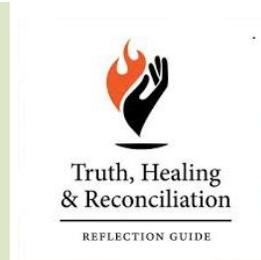
#108 My Life Goes On in Endless Song

Valediction

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

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** Today I am honouring composers who are not only Unitarians, but also Canadians. Among these are 3 of the best right within our own congregation: David Donaldson, Joyce Poley (who has 2 hymns published in our hymnals) and Jeannie Corsi. I thank them for their inspiring music! Elliott*



Images downloaded from CUC and NVC websites.

Next Sunday Service: May 14, 2017, 11 am

Mother's Day / Flower Communion

Please bring flowers!

Rev. Dr. 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 & strollers*

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MAY 7, 2017 – TODAY AT UCV

TODAY - CHALICE CHOIR SPRING CONCERT: Celebrate Spring! Join the Chalice Choir for a concert featuring the Chichester Psalms by Bernstein, along with a medley from West Side Story and a singalong. Childcare provided. Reception to follow. Sunday, May 7 at 7:30 pm, Sanctuary. Tickets: \$20 (or pay what you can.) Available at the door.

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.

FORUM: Today in the Fireside Room, 12:45 to 2 pm, there will be a presentation and discussion of the first architectural scheme for the possible redevelopment of a portion of the UCV property. A lot of work has been done since our last Forum and the ideas are quite exciting. *Michael Clague and Gordon Gram*

COMPUTUTOR: 12 – 2 pm in the Lindsey-Priestley room. Drop in with or without a laptop or smartphone along with your questions and ideas. Tech Resource – Paul Prescod. Questions: RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca.

YOUR OPEN HEARTS CAN OPEN DOORS: The UCV Library is open before Sunday worship services and after worship until 1 p.m. Booklovers who might enjoy greeting and serving fellow Unitarians in the Library are welcome as volunteers. Open others' eyes to the wealth of knowledge on our shelves.

Books in our Library Related to Today's Service:

- *Unitarianism in Canada*, Phillip Hewett, 288.71 HEW
- *Unitarianism on the Pacific Coast: The First Sixty Years*, Arnold Crompton, 289.1 CRO
- *Unitarians in Victoria 1871-2001*, Shirley Wright d'Estrube, 288 D'ES
- *The Icelandic Unitarian Connection*, V. Emil Gudmundson, 288.32 GUD
- *Unitarians and India*, Spencer Lavan, 289.1 LAV
- *Transylvanian Unitarian Church*, Professor Jon Erdo, 288.9 ERD

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.

CHILDREN'S ART SHOW: Our children started out the year studying cosmology and our origins in the universe. We learned about nebulae, stars, atoms, the Big Bang, giant stars, gravity, super novae, black holes and how every atom in our bodies and the evolution of life on earth is connected to all this cosmic activity. This art show is presented by our Awesome Kids (mostly age 7-9) and includes artwork inspired by our cosmic explorations, NASA photos of planets and moons in our solar system, and Hubble Telescope photos of nebulae, stars, and galaxies.

Children's art for sale in frames to family (parents) at cost of \$30 for small frame/glass or \$60 for a larger frame/glass. Proceeds will go back to the Arts Committee.

YOUTH GROUP: Our High School Youth Group (grades 8-12) meets from 1 – 3 pm each Sunday in Hitchensmanova 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.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

MESSY CHURCH COFFEEHOUSE: Messy Church Coffeehouse is back! May 12, 5 – 9 pm. Jane Slemon and Tom Covington bring an intimate and approachable stage to Hewett Hall. Any and all are welcome to take the stage with song, poetry, and short performances (under 5 minutes)! Join us at 5 pm to cook, or bring a potluck dish to share and connect at 6 pm. Stage goes live at 7 pm. Suggested donations towards cost are \$5 adult/\$3 child.

NEXT WEEK'S FORUM: Sunday, May 14, 12:30 pm. *Guaranteed Basic Income: An idea worth pursuing or buyer beware?* Within the past couple of years, experiments on Guaranteed Basic Income are taking place in various countries. Ontario and PEI have recently decided to launch pilot projects. A guaranteed basic income is an income unconditionally granted to all on an individual basis, without a means test or work requirements. This forum will feature two speakers, long-time anti-poverty advocate, Jean Swanson and Nick Taylor, with Basic Income Vancouver. They will provide perspectives on the benefits and potential pitfalls of a guaranteed annual income. Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee

THIRD SUNDAY BOOK GROUP: Sunday, May 21, 12:30 pm in the Lindsey-Priestley room. *This is My Country, What's Yours?* A literary road trip around Canada, in which author Noah Richler posits this question to himself and the readers and interviews many contemporary Canadian writers. Copies available for sign-out and borrowing behind the desk in the UCV library. Presenter: *Barb Taylor*

UPCOMING POTLUCK DINNERS: Need a little Hygge? We have potluck dinners lined up for Sat. May 21, Sat. June 3, Sat. June 17 and Thurs. June 29. Usually 8-10 guests. Must RSVP. For details of place and host, send an email to ucvhygge@gmail.com or call the church office.

NEXT MOVABLE FEAST: Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 6 pm at Pepitas Mexican and Spanish Restaurant, 2015 Burrard St. (corner of 4th Ave. and Burrard, upstairs). RSVP to secure your place at the table! Dianne Crosbie, dcrosbie@uniserve.com or Karen Bartlett, karen.bartlett@ubc.ca.

FULGENCE NDAGIJIMANA VISITS VANCOUVER: Fulgence is a former Unitarian Minister in Burundi and now a political refugee in Canada. He is currently a ministerial intern at the Unitarian Church in Saskatoon. Come and hear this charismatic and articulate speaker! Events: In pulpit Sunday, June 4 – 11 am: Unitarian Church of Vancouver, 1:30 pm: South Fraser Unitarian Congregation. There will be a potluck dinner and discussion on Monday, June 5 at 5:30 pm in the Hewett Centre. RSVP to Mary Lage, mlage@shaw.ca, or Alison Pearson, asp2432@gmail.com.

NEW COVENANT GROUP FORMING: Would you like to be a part of a small group focusing on sharing thoughts and feelings on the Big Questions? Join the forum Sun. May 21 to learn what a covenant group is and how to join one. Mary Bennett maryinvancouver@gmail.com. We expect a new group to start within the next few months.

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) and come meet with us at the May 12th Messy Church dinner at 5 pm to help shape next year's program.

SHARE YOUR STORY: A SERMON WRITING WORKSHOP: Sat. May 27, 2017, 12:30–5:30 pm at UCV. Facilitated by Rev. Meg Roberts. Workshop cost also includes 1 follow-up group coaching session to help integrate learning. **Cost:** Early Bird special to April 30 is \$35. (May 1–18 is \$50). Maximum 24 participants so register early. For more information contact UCV Worship Committee chair Way Kent: 110395@telus.net or phone the UCV office (604-261-7204). Early Bird Registration Deadline is April 30, final registration deadline is May 18.

A NEW WAY TO REACH OUT IN TIMES 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

FEEDBACK: We always welcome feedback on our worship services: worship@vancouverunitarians.ca, Sincerely, UCV Worship Services Committee

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITARIAN FAMILY CAMP AT LAKE SASAMAT, JUNE 2–4: Set in Port Moody's Belcarra Regional Park, the camp offers swimming, boating, hiking, climbing, children and youth programs, a choral workshop for youth/adults, campfires and other fun communal events. Heated cabins with electricity. Meals provided. Note: Children love this camp but you do not need to bring children in order to attend Family Camp! To see a fun video, go to Youtube and search for "Camp Sasamat hosted by Beacon Unitarian". For more information visit beaconunitarian.org.



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 while also pursuing an interest in one of seven artistic or creative endeavors: Photography, Writing, Beginning Ukulele, Intro to Puppetry, Colorful Creations, Painting & Collage, and Storytelling. Campers choose one activity to focus on in the mornings, and spend the rest of their time enjoying board and card games, music and singing, walking and hiking, beach activities, UU community, evening programs, and more. There is still room, so join us this summer at Creative Arts Eliot 2017! For more information, please contact the Eliot Administrator at Eliotregistrar@gmail.com or visit our website at www.eliotinstitute.org.

UCV Vision Taskforce--

(Léonie Armstrong [co-chair], Rev. Steven Epperson, Cole Harris, Kiersten Moore, Hanno Pinder, Jenny Podlecki, Paul Prescod [co-chair], Tamiko Suzuki)

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 voted overwhelmingly in favour of the proposed Vision and Living Our Vision statements. Thanks to all of you who registered your vote and comments. The Vision Taskforce will present these statements at the Extraordinary General Meeting on June 25th for a formal vote. We will also present to the Board and UCV members significant priorities arising from these statements.

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

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Jean Stanton, Randall MacKinnon

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Social Justice Committee

ORDER OF SERVICE

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SOUND

Rob Taylor

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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