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In Memoriam: Remembrance Day

Rev. Steven Epperson with Guest Readers

November 11, 2018

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER



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.*

Warm Welcome!

Please visit our Visitors' Table in the Sanctuary foyer and get a nametag. Drop by the Welcome Table in Hewett Centre after the service and stay for coffee or tea and friendly conversation. Learn about our congregation. Look for people wearing yellow nametags, who are welcoming you today.

The seats in the rear of the church are ***reserved***: (when facing the front) left side for those needing to slip in and out of the service, and right side for persons in wheelchairs & strollers. The UCV Campus is a non-smoking environment.

TODAY AT UCV

MEDITATION: Join us for the Sunday morning sitting meditation at 10 – 10:45 am in the Meditation Room. There is brief guidance at the beginning of each sit. Inquiries: victoriaoginski@gmail.com

SERMON DISCUSSION, 12:15 – 12:45 pm at a designated table in the Hall. Newcomers/regulars welcome!

CURRENT ART EXHIBITION: M. Carscience: *The Light of All Things*. A collection of abstract light paintings. The images are made with a technique the artist calls “experimental optics,” curious experiments with digital photography and disassembled camera lens parts, which transforms the light of our illuminated environment into tableaux that challenge perceptions and invite the imagination to explore new realms.

SECOND SUNDAY BOOK GROUP: Meets TODAY in Biddle from 12:30 – 2 pm to discuss *Heart Berries*, a powerful, poetic memoir of a woman's coming of age on the Seabird Island Indian Reservation in British Columbia. Guileless and refreshingly honest, Terese Mailhot's debut memoir chronicles her struggle to balance the beauty of her Native heritage with the often desperate and chaotic reality of life on the reservation. All are welcome.

Families with Children, Welcome!

Our Director of Religious Exploration, Kiersten Moore, coordinates a team of staff and volunteer teachers to provide programming for children (up to age 12) and youth (secondary school age). We build community, explore traditions and spiritual practices, ask big questions, and nurture individual power to bring love and justice forward. Visit our website for more information www.vancouverunitarians.ca or email Kiersten at dre@vancouverunitarians.ca There are many volunteer opportunities within the program and it is a great way to be involved, deepen spirituality, and build connections.

Buddy Bags with a small stuffie, themed colouring book, and crayons are available in the foyer for use during the service. Please return them to the basket at the end; you may keep the colouring book. There is also a playroom for family use across from the kitchen in Hewett Centre.

Nursing parents are welcome in any part of our building. If you wish for more privacy there is a comfy chair and a rocking chair in the Hewett Hall playroom.

Children and Youth on Sundays

Everyone begins the morning together in the sanctuary for the first 10-15 minutes of worship through the *Story for All Ages*. The First Sunday of each month everyone remains in the Sanctuary for worship together (nursery care is available during all-ages services), 2nd to 5th Sundays children (up to 12) and youth (13-19) continue their Explorations across the courtyard in Hewett Centre.

Responsible adults must pick up children under age 9 from their classroom at 12:15, Youth Group runs until 12:30, older children and youth will be released to meet their family in the hall for coffee hour. You may join your child in Explorations, but we encourage giving them their own time whenever possible.

Colour Buttons Identify Teachers and Advisers

Orange: Toddler Watch--attending to babies and children under 4 within the Children's Program.

Green: Children's Program Leaders and Assistants

Yellow: Youth Advisers

Children and babies are always welcome in our worship services. To parents and responsible adults, we offer some tips to help you and your children be at ease:

- Mother Nature put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in our church.
- Sit towards the front where your child can see what is going on; backs of heads are boring! Help your child by being a role model.
- Gently and quietly explain what is going on, how people are listening or participating.
- Answer your child's questions with a quiet whisper—they often whisper back.
- Encourage your child to work with their Buddy Bag to help them concentrate on worship.
- If your child needs to leave the service, please feel free to come back. We believe children belong in sacred spaces.
- The service can also be heard in the foyer and in Hewett Hall where a playroom is open for your use.

Celebration of Worship: November 11, 2018

Prelude *Intermezzo op. 116 no. 4* Brahms* / arr. E. Dainow
Intermezzo op. 118 no. 2 Brahms / arr. E. Dainow
Pat Armstrong, violin & E. Dainow, piano

Invocation *Find a Stillness* With the Chalice Choir

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame Rev. Steven Epperson

Opening Hymn #100 *I've Got Peace Like A River*

Story for All Ages Read by Rev. Steven Epperson

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

Announcements Emilie Adin

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns Emilie Adin

Offering: *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.* *Intermezzo op. 76 no. 7* Brahms / arr. E. Dainow
Pat Armstrong, violin & E. Dainow, piano

Meditation, Spoken then Silent

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Poetry read by Rev. Steven Epperson & Guests

The Drum John Scott, 1730-83
Old Man Travelling William Wordsworth, 1770-1850

...Silent Meditation...

Musical Response *Hashivenu*** With the Chalice Choir

The Due of the Dead William Makepeace Thackeray, 1811-63
Anthem for Doomed Youth Wilfred Owen, 1893-1918

...Silent Meditation...

**From Walking Wounded
In Celebration of Spring**

Vernon Scannell, 1922-2007
John Balaban, 1943-

...Silent Meditation...

Musical Response

Intermezzo op. 117 no. 1 (excerpt)

Brahms / arr. E. Dainow
Pat Armstrong, violin & E. Dainow, piano

**Unmentioned in Dispatches
Reconciliation**

Peter Wyton, 1944-
Walt Whitman, 1819-92

...Silent Meditation...

Musical Response

#1068: Rising Green

Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Valediction

Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again. (x2)

* Some of the Brahms Intermezzi were chosen by Glenn Gould for the soundtrack of a 1983 movie about World War 1 entitled "The Wars." Gould recorded 10 of these short pieces - including the 4 we are playing today - and so they may well have been part of that soundtrack. I am really pleased that Pat was able to join me for them. – Elliott

** Translation: *Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned; Renew our days as of old.* From Lamentations 5:21.

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

UCV ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The Annual General Meeting of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver will be held November 18th in Hewett Centre at 12:30 pm. We will hold elections for the Board of Trustees and review the audited financial statements of our church. The Agenda and proxy voting forms can be found on the UCV homepage at <https://bit.ly/2OioS31>. Copies of the annual reports, audited statements, and biographies of the nominees for the Board can be obtained from the church office.

CIRCLE DANCE FOR PEACE AND REMEMBRANCE: Monday, Nov 12 in Hewett Hall. Mairy Beam and Mary Bennett will facilitate circle dances on this theme. 7 – 9 pm. All welcome. No experience or partners needed.

GATHERING FOR LABYRINTH, ART & DANCE: 11 am – 1 pm, Thursday, Nov 15 in Lindsey-Priestley. Theme: Speaking Truth to Power. Inspired by Mairy Beam (and other UCVERS) bold actions, we'll dance and make art around the theme of speaking truth to power and then have a meditative walk on our labyrinth reflecting on the theme. Dance facilitators: Mairy Beam, Mary Bennett and Darlene Rainbow. RSVP appreciated but not required. earthspiritucv@gmail.com

MOVABLE FEAST FOR NOVEMBER: On November 24th at 6:00 pm, we will be dining at the Deutsches Haus (Vancouver Alpen Club), 4875 Victoria Drive at East 33rd. The entrance is from the parking lot off the alley. <https://www.vacbc.ca> To reserve at place at our table email Karen Bartlett karen.bartlett@ubc.ca

NOVEMBER 25 FORUM: 12:30 – 1:30 pm in Fireside. The newly formed UCV Genders and Sexualities Alliance will share information about plans to recertify as a Welcoming Congregation in 2019. We are pleased to have received a \$500 grant from the West Bequest to support this work. Ask questions. Share your thoughts and ideas. Qmunity will have an information table in the hall following the service. (See alcove bulletin board for their Queer Glossary booklet. Available by download here: <https://qmunity.ca/learn/resources/>).

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK BASH UPDATE: Thank you to all those who volunteered for the library committee's October book sale and all those who donated and bought books. The sale was a roaring success, with all of the proceeds going to the church. The next sale is in March.

UNITARIAN MEN'S GROUPS are being reorganized at UCV. Men's groups give men an opportunity to explore issues of both emotional and intellectual interest together. Not a UCV member? No problem. If you would like to learn more, please email Paul Prescod to join an information session."

CO-OP HOUSING AT UCV: Would you like to be engaged in building or evaluating a business case for co-op housing on the UCV campus? Please contact paul@prescod.net immediately. A working group will start meeting on the topic in early November.

UCV REDEVELOPMENT BUSINESS PLAN: Join The Planning! Six work groups have been formed to contribute to the planning: New Hewett Hall, The Environment, Children/Child Care, The Cooperative Housing Option, Demographics and Pledge Potential, Managing Interim Arrangements During Construction, and "Plan B" – Assessing Hewett Hall and the Administration Building if we don't proceed. This work will contribute to the decision by members next June as to whether or not to proceed with redevelopment. An information note is available at the office about how the groups will work and who has joined already. The work assignment for each group will be sent to those who have joined. Gordon Gram (gordongram@me.com) and Michael Clague (mclague@telus.net)

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Office staff are looking for a few more brave souls to volunteer at the office reception desk on Sundays from 10 am - 1 pm. The 2nd and 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month are still available. Duties are mainly to provide a presence, assistance to members, photocopying, answering the phone. If this sounds like fun or even slightly terrifying, please call Aurora at 604-261-7204, extension 224, or email ca@vancouverunitarians.ca.

UCV NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS:

- New Westminster: Rob Dainow (rdainow@shaw.ca)
- East Vancouver: Mairy Beam (mairyelesbea@gmail.com) and Paul Prescod (paul@prescod.net)
- Richmond/South of the Fraser: Drew Lemen (lemen.drew@gmail.com)
- Westside: Jeannie Corsi – contact ucvconnect@gmail.com
- Fairview/False Creek – Vivian Davidson (vdavidsonsc@gmail.com)

Is your neighbourhood not listed? Would you like to meet Unitarians who live near you? Contact Mary Bennett ucvconnect@gmail.com for help at connecting with your neighbours.

COFFEE SERVICE: Thanks to all who have offered to help. Much appreciated! Please consider becoming a Spare helper for the Sundays when we may be short. Contact Eva Allan at eallan@telus.net or at 604-738-4062.

JOIN OUR SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS (AKA THE USHERS): We are looking for people who have one hour once a month to volunteer and join us in welcoming visitors and members of the congregation to Sunday morning worship service. No experience necessary – on the job training provided! For more information, please contact Denise Nereida at 604-731-7630 / ditzah@telus.net or Margo Elfert at 604-276-1610 / margoe@telus.net

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: Rainbow Refugee will be the recipient of OOF funding for October to the end of January. Founded in 2000, the charity is a Vancouver-based community group that supports people seeking refugee protection in Canada because of persecution based on sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or HIV status.

OUTSIDE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY – LET PEACE BE THEIR MEMORIAL: A ceremony hosted by Vancouver Peace Poppies commemorating the civilian victims of war Sunday November 11th from 2:30 to 4:00 pm at the Seaforth Peace Park, Burrard Street & 1st Avenue. This event is supported by the UCV Social Justice Committee.

BOOK LAUNCH: *Inuit Quajimajatuqangit: What Inuit Have Always Known to be True.* 7 to 9 pm, November 15, at the Museum of Anthropology Community Lounge. Dr. Frank Tester, Professor Emeritus UBC will be present to speak about the book which, as a collection of contributions by respected Inuit Elders, functions as a way of preserving important knowledge and traditions. Dr. Tester has travelled and worked throughout Nunavut Territory and brings to his work a commitment to social justice and human rights. Books will be available for purchase at the special discounted price of \$20 (cash only please). Please RSVP Marjorie Lee by email marjorie.lee888@gmail.com or by phone 604-961-3063. Refreshments will be served. Guests are Welcome!

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Galen Elfert

GREETERS

Sakura Nandana, Setty Pendakur, Penny Pearson, Denise Nereida, Hank Einarson

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Karin Hall, Dianne Crosbie

CARETAKER(S)

Eric Sun

Next Sunday Service: November 18, 2018

**Arrested! One Settler's Journey To and From
Nan Gregory**



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.

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