



Dream Flight by Joanne Brown, 27x20 woodblock/monotype print

Fire Communion

With Patrick Dubois, Mary Bennett, and Wendy Bryan

December 29, 2019



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 chi gong at 9:15 – 9:45 am in the Meditation Room, followed by sitting meditation. There is brief guidance at the beginning. Inquiries: victoriaoginski@gmail.com

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

FORUM: 12:30 pm in Fireside. The forum today is a sharing circle following the ritual in the service. Covenant group member bill Perry will introduce the process used in coven at groups and start the talking stick around the circle. #mostly listening

Families with Children, Welcome!

Vancouver Unitarian families connect, grow, and learn in many ways. Visitors, friends, and returning members are welcome to drop-in to our Sunday morning programs anytime.

Our children and youth groups 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 families@vancouverunitarians.ca



Kiersten Moore, Director of Religious Exploration

Children and Youth on Sundays



Everyone begins together in the Sanctuary for Worship through the *Story for All Ages* before leaving to classes and groups:

- Youth Group (ages 13-19)—meets 10:15 to Noon in Hitschmanova, lower level of Hewett Centre. Drop-in anytime
- Passport to Spirituality (ages 4-9)—meets upstairs in the rooms closest to the Hewett Hall entrance (Lindsey-Priestly)
- Crossing Paths (ages 10-12)—meets either in Fireside room or downstairs in the preschool.

A parent/guardian or adult family member must pick up children under age 9 from their classroom at 12:15, older children and youth will be released to meet their family in the Hall.

Toddler Watch Team attends to babies and children under 4 within the Children's Program. Look for the Children's Guide with the bright orange button or check in with the Leader—bright pink.

Children and babies are welcome to remain with their adult family members through the service. Nursing parents are welcome in any part of our building. You may join your child in explorations if you wish.

We offer some tips to help children be at ease in the Sanctuary:

- 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; 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.



Buddy Bags are available in the foyer for use during the service!

Celebration of Worship: December 29, 2019

Prelude		Patrick Dubois
Opening Words		Tara Bonham
Welcome & Greeting Our Neighbours		Tara Bonham
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Mary Bennett
Hannukah Candle Lighting		Sheila Resels
Opening Hymn	<i>#347: Gather the Spirit</i>	
Story for all Ages	<i>The Promise Basket</i>	By Bill Richardson Read by Tara Bonham
Announcements		Huguette Hayden
Reading from the Book of Celebrations & Concerns		Huguette Hayden
Offering:	<i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Light My Fire</i> Words & music by The Doors

Text-to-Give! You know that you can now donate to UCV via text message! Simply text an amount to 778-771-1707 to get started today, or visit <http://bit.ly/2VFEWDS> for more information!

Fire Transformation in Four Parts

With Patrick Dubois, Mary Bennett, Wendy Bryan

Part 1: Shame

Reading *Unlearning to Not Speak* By Marge Piercy

One-minute Meditation

Part 2: Rage

Reading *Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night* By Dylan Thomas

One-minute Meditation

Part 3: Passion

Reading *On Creativity* Rumi

One-minute Meditation

Part 4: Commitment

Reading

Quotes from Geoff Olson, William Hutchinson Murray, 14th Dalai Lama

One-minute Meditation

Closing Hymn

#1028: Fire of Commitment

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Mary Bennett

Valediction

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

UCV HOLIDAYS AND ORDER OF SERVICE DEADLINES: Please note that the UCV office will be closed for the holidays between Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1. Normal office hours will resume on Thursday, January 2 (details are provided on the back cover). The deadline for submissions to the January 5 Order of Service will be Wednesday, January 4 at noon, as per usual.

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

ANNUAL WOMEN'S GATHERING: Saturday, January 4. Afternoon workshops, 2 – 5 pm (limited space; register early); potluck and conversation, 5:30 - 7 pm; circle Dance, conversation, various activities 7 – 9 pm. Details here: <http://tiny.cc/ucv-women2020>. Must register so we can plan the space: <http://tiny.cc/jan42020>

COMPUTECH WORKSHOPS: January 11 and/or February 1, 1 – 4 pm in Lindsey-Priestley. Limited to 12 participants. Members of South Fraser, Beacon and North Shore are invited.

Registration forms with more details are now online here:

<https://vancouver.breezechms.com/form/compujan>

<https://vancouver.breezechms.com/form/compufeb>

Breeze database training for committee chairs and small group leaders, 3 – 5pm, January 11 and February 1. Contact maryinvancouver@gmail.com for details. Mary Bennett, Interim Chair, Membership Committee

SINGING GROUP: Do you like to sing? Join us every second Sunday of the month in the Lindsey-Priestley room at 12:30pm!

TAKE THE JOURNEY OF SELF-DISCOVERY in 2020 with beginners Tarot and Astrology classes in the meditation room, no experience needed. 4 Week Intro to Tarot 2-4:30pm Feb 2nd – March 1st, 6 Week Intro to Astrology 5-7pm Feb 2nd – March 15th. See www.westcoastskies.com/pages/events for details and registration.

NEW GENDER AND CULTURE GROUP: In this group, we'll talk about the influences that have shaped our gender identity and expression, especially role models like parents and cultural figures. We'll share stories about our gender journeys and discuss the role of gender in today's world. We meet on the second Monday of each month in the Lindsey-Priestley Room from 6:30-8:30pm. Please email Glenn Deefholts (glenn.deefholts@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining us.

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RE ASSISTANT OPPORTUNITY: The Children's Group is in need of RE Class Assistants for ages 4-9, winter and spring. Two Sunday's a month, January through March and April through June. Passport to Spirituality group is exploring spiritual practices from world religions by "visiting" a different country each Sunday. Talk to Nan Gregory, Mairy Beam, or Lynn Armstrong, for details and email Kiersten Moore at dre@vancouverunitarians.ca to volunteer.

CARETAKERS NEEDED: UCV is looking for more capable and responsible Caretakers to look after our rental clients and to help keep our campus clean and orderly. This is a casual position, perfect for students, creatives, those who are underemployed or simply looking for a source of supplemental income. Evening and weekend availability is preferred, though there are openings for early weekday shifts as well. For more information, including a full job description, please contact Marcus at the UCV office at 604-261-7204, extension 0, or marcus@vancouverunitarians.ca.

UCV MEMBERS ART SHOW: There will be a UCV members art show running this coming January and February – if you are interested in participating, please bring 2-3 of your pieces on January 2nd (with hanging devices included) at 10:30am. This will be a communal process – please help your fellow artists to hang the show. Thank you, Chris Pearce and Caede Pungente, Arts Committee.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated bags for MOMS! We collected 20 bags in just two weeks, and all the people at MOMS were extremely grateful – Megumi and Ursula.

2020 MULTIFAITH CALENDARS are on sale now! Pick up one of these beautiful calendars at the Library in Hewett hall and mark a couple gifts off your list at the same time. \$15 or 2 for \$25. All proceeds go to benefit UCV's children's programs and the Multifaith Action Society.

MEMBERS, FRIENDS, AND VISITORS: Wearing a name tag helps others learn or remember who you are and encourages friendly connections. Please take the time to wear a clear nametag each time you're at UCV!

OUR OOF RECIPIENT (OCT- JAN) is Sole Food. Its mission is to transform vacant urban land in Vancouver into street farms that grow artisan quality fruits and vegetables. By providing jobs, agricultural training, and inclusion in a community of farmers and food lovers, the Sole Food project has empowered dozens of individuals who are managing addiction and mental health problems.

MEMBER NOTICE: Peter Henderson no longer drives and would appreciate a ride from the West End to church during the Winter months. Please call 604-682-8290 if you are able to help.

Statement from the Chair of the UCV Board of Directors Diane Brown re status of the UCV campus redevelopment project.

Dec. 21, 2019 – Regarding the Status of the Proposed UCV Campus Redevelopment: In December 2016 the then board of directors of UCV established a committee to investigate the merits of partially redeveloping the UCV campus while retaining ownership of all of the property. This investigation had and still has two goals; 1) to establish whether or not redevelopment will contribute to long-term financial security and sustainability for the church and 2) to establish whether or not it will make a contribution to much-needed affordable, non-market housing in Vancouver.

The decision as to whether or not to *proceed* has not yet been taken. This decision will be made by the members of UCV through a vote. The vote will likely be in March.

The member consultation process began in 2017. The current board of directors of UCV is committed to continuing the member consultation process, and there will be at least two more forums before a vote is taken; one from the redevelopment committee and one from the Financial Sustainability Task Force.

For information on Redevelopment: Gordon Gram and Michael Clague co-chairs (see UCV directory). For information on Financial Sustainability: Keith Wilkinson (see UCV directory). For information on this process: Diane Brown, Board Chair (see UCV directory).

Do you receive our e-newsletters? If not, please go to vancouverunitarians.ca/newsletter to view recent newsletters (and sign up to receive in your inbox.)

Next Sunday Service: January 5, 2020

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

FLOWERS

Lorraine Calame

LUNCH

No lunch today

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

David Buchanan, Leslie Hill

SOUND

Hans Elfert

GREETERS

Paul Prescod, Pat Johnson, Hank Einarson, Jane Dermer

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Wendy Bryan, Brock MacLachlan

CARETAKER(S)

Paul Nash



We actively welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities!

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.

MINISTER AND STAFF

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"Please note that the UCV office will be closed for the Holidays from 2:30- pm, Tuesday, December 24th to 9:00 am, Thursday, January 2nd".

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