

Food First

Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson
December 13, 2009
11:00 am

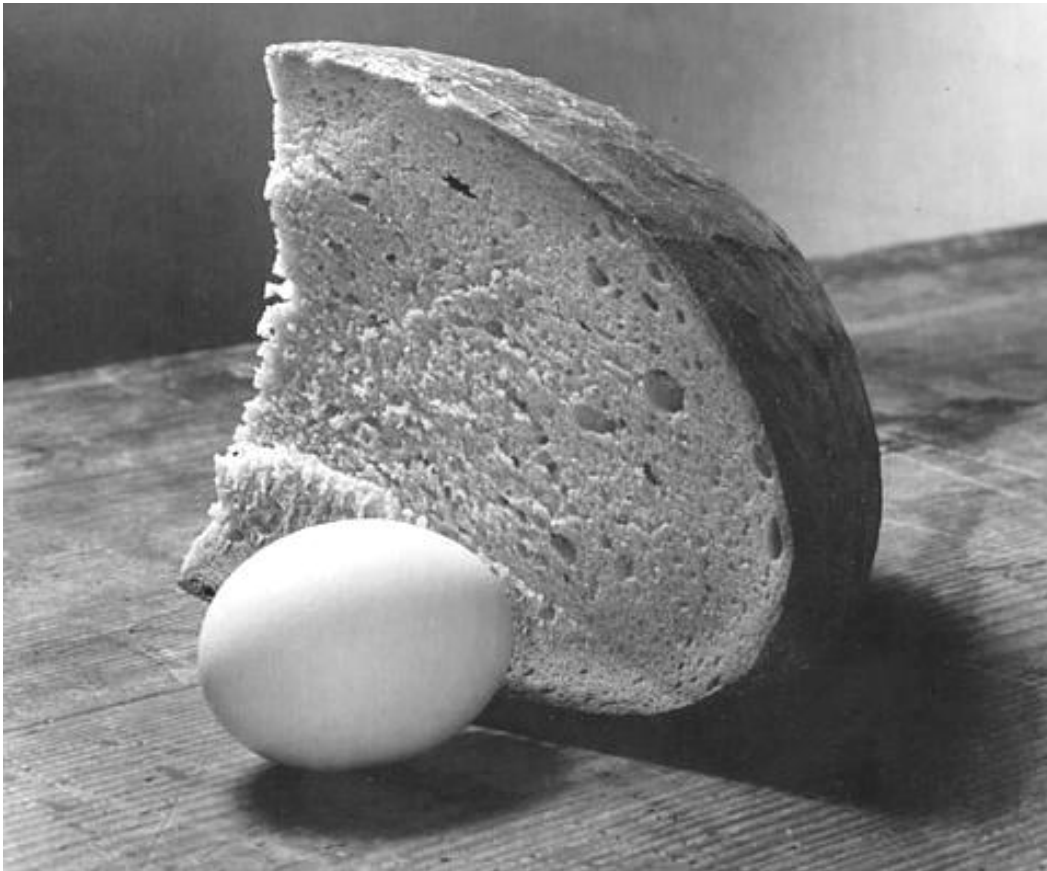


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The Unitarian Church of Vancouver
*We are a community of diverse beliefs and shared values.
In fellowship with one another, we seek spiritual growth, social justice,
and environmental sustainability through worship, ethical action,
education, and artistic expression.*
We welcome all who would join this compassionate and visionary community.

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship *December 13, 2009*

At the front of the church you will find unlit candles. You are welcome to light a candle in remembrance, in gratitude, in celebration. Our church welcomes your comments and suggestions. Please find slips beside a suggestion box in the foyer. Thank you.

*Help us create a mood for shared celebration through **quiet** reflection during the prelude.*

Please turn off your pagers, cell phones, etc.

Prelude Ingathering Singing with Joyce Poley

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Opening Hymn # 6 *Just As Long A I Have Breath*

New Member Recognition

The Litany of Welcome and Affirmation

The Congregation: We welcome you as new members to our religious community. We will gladly walk with you in a common journey to deepen our spiritual and ethical lives. May that journey together be a fulfilling experience for all of us. May it bring the aims and ideals we share more fully to realization in our lives.

New Members: We thank you for welcoming us this day as we embark on membership in the Unitarian Church of Vancouver. We seek to learn explore, service, and celebrate in this community. We promise to join with you to achieve the mission and vision of this congregation.

All: The Unitarian Church of Vancouver celebrates the diversity and shared values of its members. We cherish our freedom and openness to truth. We will support each other in our quest for meaning and justice. We will support each other in times of joy, sorrow, and need. Together may we deepen and celebrate our life in community, and help flourish the quality of life for all.

NEW MEMBERS

Tracy Carruthers
Maggie deVries
Thomas Dufour
Nan Gregory
Brendan Hynds

Daniel Griffith
Ed Taylor
Angelina Marra
John Omielan
Sue Pell

Carol Swan
Denise Swanson
Jamie Taylor
Grant Watson

Story for All Ages

Wombat Divine Mem Fox
read by Rev. Steven Epperson

Welcome and Announcements Board member

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns Board member

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

Hanuka, Haunka Flory Jagoda
arr. Millard/Dainow
played by Jeani Corsi, E. Dainow

Meditation, spoken then silent

Music Response

Light One Candle Peter Yarrow
voice and piano, E. Dainow

Sermon

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Closing Hymn # 1027

When the Poor Ones

Benediction/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Valediction

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.
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Christ of the Breadlines Fritz Eichenberg, 1952

UCV CENTENARY HISTORY SNIPPET: In 1974 the Lay Chaplaincy Program is developed at UCV. Seven people apply to take the training, three are accepted, and one person, Bernie Vinge, is taken on as UCV's first Lay Chaplain. The chaplains assist the Ministers with several hundred requests (annually) for weddings, memorials and child dedications.

Sunday, December 20, 2009

11:00 am Worship Service

HOPE: An Intergenerational Pageant

Caroline Farley

Please remember that the seats in the fourth row on the left side of the church are reserved for people with hearing loss. People using hearing aids may obtain further amplification by activating the T-switch. The seats in the rear of the church are reserved (when facing the front): left side for parents with babies or small children in child care, and right side for persons in wheelchairs.

WELCOME! NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS

If you are a new family here, with babies or children, we wish you a special welcome. Our childcare staff is happy to provide free care for babies and toddlers while you are at the service. Your children aged three and above will enjoy the church school. Ask the ushers for directions. If you feel the need to slip out of the Sanctuary with a fretting baby, please know that the service can be heard in the foyer and in Hewett Centre.

Please visit our Visitors' table, sign in and get a name tag in the Sanctuary Foyer. Drop by the Welcome Table in Hewett Centre after the service, and stay for coffee, tea or juice and friendly conversation. Learn about our church and our community. Look for people wearing yellow name tags, who are welcoming you today.

SUPPORT TEAM TODAY

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS	George Morgan, Judy Villett, Katherine Miller
FLOWERS	Lorraine Calame
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL	Leslie Hill, Frances Anderson
LUNCH	n/a
ORDER OF SERVICE	Tara-Lee MacNiven
SOUND	Galen Elfert
USHERS	Margo Elfert, Velia Laval, Denise Nereida
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Beatriz Sheldon, Naomi Taylor, Terry Sheldon

STAFF

PARISH MINISTER	Rev. Steven Epperson
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Donna Brown
MUSIC ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER	Elliott Dainow
DIRECTOR OF LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION	Vacant
HEAD CUSTODIAN	Stan Clarke
REPLACEMENT CUSTODIANS	Gerald Hernesmaa, Wentu Tu'ume
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	Tamara Shoup
BOOKKEEPER	Ravina Sangara
OFFICE ASSISTANT / BOOKINGS	Tara-Lee MacNiven
SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS	Virginia Crabill, Patti Turner, Lindsey Udem
UCV LAY CHAPLAINS	Phyllis Bassett, Dan Enright Katherine Roback, Wayne Ulian
COMMUNITY MINISTER	Rev. Laura Friedman

*The red pulpit hanging is a gift from our partner church in Brassó, Romania,
to celebrate our continuing relationship.*

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OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAM TODAY 0 to 3yrs – Childcare room, 3yrs to grade 3 – Parker (downstairs), Grade 4 to 7 – Budny/Socinus, Youth – Hitschmanova(downstairs)

ART IN THE CHURCH: Unitarian Artists group show in the Sanctuary October 25th to mid December.

REFUGEE COMMITTEE RAFFLE: Today and next Sunday are your final opportunities to buy tickets for the Refugee Committee's raffle. Prizes are a painting by Pat MacBain, a quilt by Pat Meyer, and an Aztec-motif chess set. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Buy them in Hewett after the service. Draw will be held on December 20 at 12:30.

TODAY'S FORUM: Join us in the Fireside Room at 12:30 for a screening of Robert Greenwald's powerful film Rethink Afghanistan. Rethink Afghanistan provides an important corrective to the story lines being promoted by our governments. At this crucial time when President Obama is about to send tens of thousands of additional troops to Afghanistan and when Prime Minister Harper may attempt to arm-twist Canadians also into an even greater military commitment, it is important to know what is at stake. "If our news media fails to tell the full story on the nightmarish turns that the occupation has taken, tune in to the Brave New Foundation's terrific Rethink Afghanistan" -The Nation

INTERGENERATIONAL CRAFT TABLE Come to Hewett Centre after Sunday Service TODAY and bring some spare change. Members of the Children and Youth Religious Education (CYRE) Committee have set up some intergenerational craft stations. Make handmade gifts for your loved ones (and maybe even for yourself). There will be something for everyone. Each craft will have a low cost associated with it (25 cents to \$2.00, to cover the cost of materials). We'll have bath bombs, west coast oyster-shell ornaments, pine cone bird feeders, beaded keychains, Christmas cards, and painted wooden ornaments. Contact: Theresa Marion tm_marion@yahoo.ca

UCV BOOK CLUB meets first Sundays. (January meeting cancelled.) February 7, 2010: Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace One School at a Time, non-fiction, Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin. "Here [Pakistan], we drink three cups of tea; the first you are a stranger, the second you become a friend, and the third, you join our family, and for our family we are prepared to do anything—even die."

STAND FOR CLIMATE ACTION – After church stand with the Environment Committee on the corner with our "350" banner.

UCV CENTENARY EVENTS

ALL MONTH: South Foyer display Case – UCV Thrift Sale Display

UCV AND DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WARM YOUR WINTER with a (not too) spicy Thai Vegan Cooking Workshop. Help reduce pollution, global warming, world hunger and animal abuses. Tuesday, December 29, 1:00 pm, \$15. Contact Denise Swanson to register: dcswanon@shaw.ca 604-872-5343.

UNITARIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT Come Play With Us: A Creative Gathering of Unitarian women will take place January 15 to 17, 2010, at Camp Alexandra Crescent Beach. Registration fee of \$150 covers the cost of accommodation and delicious meals. Register with Pam Rickey at 604-732-1370 or pamelarickey@trentu.ca.

PHILOSOPHERS' CAFÉ Friday December 18, 7 to 9 pm in the Fireside Room. Do we need political heroes? How should they serve us? Are some appointed or anointed, only to leave us disappointed? Randall MacKinnon

RECOGNITION During the worship service on Dec 13, 2009 there will be a short recognition ceremony for those who have recently joined the UCV. New members will be welcomed into the congregation and our mutual commitment to each other expressed through a responsive reading. We encourage all new members to attend. For further information contact Dianne Crosbie 604 876 6543.

CENTENARY FEAST FOLLOW-UP If you were a kitchen helper and brought your own tools, pots, pans, etc. And if you have not retrieved these please come to Biddle (the room at the end of the north hall in Hewett Centre) after the service and pick them up

WINTER SOLSTICE CIRCLE DANCES – Join us at 7pm in the Fireside Room on Monday, December 14 for our last Sacred Circle Dance session of 2009. We'll resume on 2nd and 3rd Mondays in the New Year. Info from ucvdance@telus.net All dances are taught; no partners or experience needed. We're a friendly group of usually 10-15. More info at <http://sacredcircledance.wordpress.com>

HOUSECLEANING AND OTHER HOME SERVICES Long-time client-volunteers (10-25 years) of Unitarian Church Food Bank seek alternate employment: housecleaning, house/pet sitting, babysitting, cater, etc. Call Frances Anderson, Food Bank Volunteer (604-432-7553) for names, then you do the interviewing for suitability for your requirements.