

Better Than We Think

Rev. Steven Epperson

January 3, 2010

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 *January 3, 2010*

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

Eleanor Rigby Lennon and McCartney
You've Got a Friend Carole King
Lean On Me Bill Withers
Adagio Cantabile Op. 13 Ludwig van Beethoven
with Jeannie Corsi, piano

Opening Words

Rev. Steven Epperson

Welcome/Greeting Our Neighbours

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Opening Hymn # 361

Enter Rejoice and Come In

Story for All Ages

Cannonball Simp John Burningham
read by Rev. Steven Epperson

*Go now in peace, go now in peace. May the spirit of love surround you,
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.*

Honouring Lay Chaplains

Katherine Roback and Sherry King

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.*

New Orleans Blues William Bullock
with Jeannie Corsi, piano

Meditation, spoken then silent

Musical Response

Solace Scott Joplin
with Jeannie Corsi, piano

Sermon

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Closing Hymn # 295

Sing Out Praises for the Journey

Benediction/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Valediction

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

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Postlude

Bridge Over Troubled Water Simon and Garfunkel

Sunday, January 10, 2010

11:00 am Worship Service

Enrichment Through Compassion:

Experiencing Spiritual Growth through Lay Chaplaincy

Lay Chaplains: Phyllis Bassett, Danny Enright, Sherry King, Katherine Roback, Wayne Ulian

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	Elizabeth Murdock, Betsey Neily, Denise Swanson
FLOWERS	Chris Pearce
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL	Jean Stanton, Ann Foster
LUNCH	Refugee Committee (fundraising for Farahnaz)
ORDER OF SERVICE	Tara-Lee MacNiven
SOUND	Rob Taylor
USHERS	Pat Johnson, Patricia Startin, Marg Fletcher
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Alexandra Henriques, Audrey Cook, Jane Sutherland

STAFF

PARISH MINISTER	Rev. Steven Epperson
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Donna Brown
MUSIC ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER	Elliott Dainow
ACTING D.R.E.	Jennifer Fell
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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JANUARY 3, 2010

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)

REFUGEE COMMITTEE would like to thank this congregation for all their support during our raffle. The winners of the Committee's Fall raffle are as follows: the quilt was won by Rampai Vajarapana, the painting was won by Pam Rickey, and the chess set was won by Edwin Bussey. Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to members of the congregation and others who again supported the work of the Refugee Committee. Today Farahnaz will make us her delicious Afghan lunch.

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UCV CENTENARY EVENTS

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

UCV AND DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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