

# Eco-Spiritual Journeys

**Karl Perrin, Grant Watson, Mary Lage**

**November 15, 2009**

**11:00 am**

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

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 and Fugues**

J.S. Bach

**Gavot**

J.S. Bach

E. Dainow, piano

**Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours**

Mary Lage

**Kindling the Chalice Flame**

**Opening Hymn # 123**

*Spirit of Life*

**Story for All Ages**

*Whoever You Are*  
by Mem Fox  
read by Tara Bonham

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

**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.*

*Gaia* by Joyce Poley  
E. Dainow, piano and vocal  
Tara Bonham, vocal

**Meditation, spoken then silent**

*Come By the Hills/* Irish trad.  
Tara Bonham, harp and vocal  
E. Dainow, piano and vocal

**Homily**

*Eco-Spiritual Journeys*

Grant Watson

Mary Lage

Karl Perrin

**Closing Remarks**

Grant Watson

**Closing Hymn # 163**

*For the Earth*

**Benediction/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame**

**Valediction**

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

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**UCV CENTENARY HISTORY SNIPPET:** : In 1977, UCV Executive Secretary Peg Woods writes in the annual report: “so far this year I have written 1,093 receipts, we have used 624 stencils, 63,000 sheets of white paper, we run off 1100 copies of the monthly Bulletin, 250 copies of the Sunday Order of Service and mail 500-600 statements every quarter.” (Church membership is 587.)

Please join us for coffee and conversation in Hewett Centre after today’s service.

**Sunday, November 22, 2009**

11:00 am Worship Service

**Building Schools and Spirit**

Rev. Katie Stein Sather

Refugee Committee (fundraising for Farahnaz)

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**

<b>COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS</b>	Ann Foster, Jean Lamond, Velia Laval
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Shirley Brunke
<b>LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL</b>	Frances Anderson, Olive Stewart
<b>LUNCH</b>	n/a
<b>ORDER OF SERVICE</b>	Tara MacNiven
<b>SOUND</b>	Gerry Hayle
<b>USHERS</b>	Jane Sutherland, Cheryl Amundson, Carolyn Grant
<b>WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE</b>	Mark Brunke, Shirley Brunke, Karen Hobbs

### **STAFF**

<b>PARISH MINISTER</b>	Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>CHOIR DIRECTOR</b>	Donna Brown
<b>MUSIC ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER</b>	Elliott Dainow
<b>DIRECTOR OF LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION</b>	Caroline Farley
<b>HEAD CUSTODIAN</b>	Stan Clarke
<b>REPLACEMENT CUSTODIANS</b>	Gerald Hernesmaa, Christie Maxson, Wentu Tu'ume
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER</b>	Tamara Shoup
<b>BOOKKEEPER</b>	Ravina Sangara
<b>OFFICE ASSISTANT / BOOKINGS</b>	Tara MacNiven
<b>SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS</b>	Virginia Crabill, Patti Turner, Lindsey Udem
<b>UCV LAY CHAPLAINS</b>	Phyllis Bassett, Dan Enright Katherine Roback, Wayne Ulian
<b>COMMUNITY MINISTER</b>	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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## NOVEMBER 15, 2009

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

**ART IN THE CHURCH:** Unitarian Artists group show in the Sanctuary. October 25<sup>th</sup> to mid December. A group show by Louise Bunn, Liane Varnum is held in the fireside until the end of December.

**REFUGEE COMMITTEE:** will be selling raffle tickets, entertainment books, and their cookbooks today in Hewett Centre. The raffle prizes are a Pat Meyer quilt, a Pat MacBain painting, and a Mayan motif chess set. The draw will be December 20th at 12:30. Thank you for your support!

**BE THE CHANGE** Lindsey Priestley @ 12:30 with Mary Etey.

**CENTENARY FEAST TICKETS:** LAST DAY for sales of Centenary Feast Tickets is today, Nov 15, in Hewett Hall, after the service. We are nearly sold out! \$5 for the dinner/soiree on Nov 28.

**FREE BOOKS TODAY** With all the enthusiasm for the environment today, I decided to label and bring my Bookcrossing.com books to the church to “release into the wild”. Learn more about bookcrossing (send your books on a trip) over at Hewett Centre after church. I'll have a box full out and can chat with you about the idea.

### UCV CENTENARY EVENTS

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

### UCV AND DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CENTENNIAL SERVICES AUCTION - SAT.** Dec. 5 After the service today in Hewett Hall visit the Services Auction table for information and ideas and to offer a service. The concept is simple. Donate a service like a meal, gardening, French lesson, or donate an item of value like a home-made cookies or a sweater. Come to Hewett Centre on auction night and participate in the auction.

**VWMS** features Catherine Affleck, mezzo-soprano in a one hour concert Wednesday November 18 at 11 am. Tickets \$15 at the door. More info at [www.vwms.ca](http://www.vwms.ca)

**CHALICE CHOIR ANNUAL ADVENT CONCERT:** Magnificat! Join the Chalice Choir and the Vancouver Chamber Players for a concert of December delights, featuring Bach's Magnificat. Childcare provided. Reception to follow. Sunday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 pm, Sanctuary. This is the choir's main fundraiser of the year and supports the choir's participation in our Sunday services. Invite your friends! Tickets: \$15 (Low income – pay what you can.) Available in Hewett Centre after church beginning next week or from any choir member.

**SACRED CIRCLE DANCING** Come join us in the Fireside Room on Monday, November 16th, 7p.m. to 9 p.m. We will share sacred circle dances within the context of a Unitarian worship service. All dances are taught in the first hour. This month we will explore the theme Peace Within, with readings, meditation, sharing and dance.

**PHILOSOPHERS' FIRESIDE CAFÉ,** November 20 - 7 pm, Hewitt Hall, With our ever-increasing rate of change, is much wisdom at risk of becoming obsolete or irrelevant? Are elders' outlooks and perspectives as necessary as they were in previous times?

**THE UCV BOOKCLUB** meets at 12:30 in Bundy in Hewett Hall on the first Sunday of every month. On December 3rd we'll be talking about the works of the prolific Alice Munroe. Please join us for a lively discussion on Alice's stories, including her latest book of short stories Too Much Happiness.

**NEW U COMMITTEE** will host a “New Member Signing Breakfast” Sunday Nov. 29, 2009 at 9:30 AM in the Fireside Room. This is for all who attended “New U in a Day” and are interested in becoming members of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver. More information on church activities will be provided and Rev. Steven Epperson will witness the signing of the Membership Book. For information contact: Dianne Crosbie: 604.876.6543

**WREATH MAKING** This annual event is a holiday highlight for some of our creative elves. We will meet for coffee and muffins around 9am, Saturday December 12 in Lnds/Prst. John and Lesia Voth will bring holly and cedar to attach to existing wreath forms. Each creator is encouraged to bring extra decorations to embellish their master wreaths. Please bring clippers and come join the fun.

## **WISH LIST**

The Lay Chaplaincy Committee is working to expand the number of wedding and memorial ceremonies held in the UCV Sanctuary. With this in mind, we are creating a room which can be used as a Bride's Room for weddings and would also be a place where families could convene before memorials. When not in use for these purposes, the room could serve as a small meeting room.

Here is our wish list of items to nicely furnish this room. Items should be in neutral colours and good condition. Since everything in the room must be co-ordinated, we reserve the right to refuse items that don't fit with the overall decor. If you have an item to donate and/or are unsure whether an item you have would be suitable, please contact Tamara Shoup on the UCV office.

If needed, we will make arrangements to pick up these items.

- Floor lamps
- Paint for walls
- Curtains and/or blinds

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