

Building Schools and Spirits

Rev. Katie Stein Sather

November 22, 2009

11:00 am



World Accord School

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.*

Ingathering Singing

Joyce Poley & Elliot Dainow

Invocation #155

Circle Round for Freedom
with the Chalice Choir

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours

Joyce Poley

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Rev. Katie Stein Sather, Joyce Poley

Chalice Lighting Response

words & music by Joyce Poley

May we shine a light of love,

May we shine a light of love,

With every thought, with every step we take,

May we shine a light of love.

Opening Hymn # 121

We'll Build a Land

Story for All Ages

The Dot

by Peter Reynolds

read by Caroline Farley

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

Meditation, sung then silent #1009

Meditation on Breathing

Joyce Poley

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

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Amistad (Friendship) Ignazio Cervantes

E. Dainow, piano

Anthem

If I Had A Hammer L. Hays & P. Seeger

arr. by R. DeCormier

Reading

To Savor the World, or Save It
by Richard Gilbert

Song #1027

When the Poor Ones

Sermon

Building Schools and Spirit
Rev. Katie Stein Sather*

Closing Hymn # 348

Guide My Feet

Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

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Valediction

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

*Katie Stein Sather is the minister at Beacon Unitarian Church, which has just recently re-located to the Sapperton Pensioners Hall in New Westminster. She interned here at the Vancouver Church in 1995-96, and has been serving at Beacon since 2003. We are delighted to have her back with us this morning!

For more information on today's topic, see

http://firstunitariantoronto.org/camapp/central_america.htm or contact Richard Kirsh, 416-767-5837 in Toronto

UCV CENTENARY HISTORY SNIPPET: : : The 1979-80 Annual Report describes the Arts Committee sponsoring an event called "Spiritual Explorations through the Arts." The Zen of Seeing and Sketching was presented by Margaret Donald and Tony Buckland and poetry by Dorothy Livesay was read by her, with poems set to music composed by Violet Archer and played by Harold Brown.

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

Sunday, November 29, 2009

11:00 am Worship Service

Eating the Sun: Photosynthesis and the Glory of Green

Rev. Steven Epperson

n/a

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	U Youth Group, Caroline Farley Youth Group
FLOWERS	Carolyn Innes
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL	Aphrodite Harris, Hilda Wiebe
LUNCH	Youth Group
ORDER OF SERVICE	Tara MacNiven
SOUND	Rob Grieg
USHERS	Greg Grant, Julie Cowie, Gary Smook, Hilda Wiebe
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Helen Osoba, Gwen Bevan, Bennett Mitten

STAFF

PARISH MINISTER	Rev. Steven Epperson
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Donna Brown
MUSIC ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER	Elliott Dainow
DIRECTOR OF LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION	Caroline Farley
HEAD CUSTODIAN	Stan Clarke
REPLACEMENT CUSTODIANS	Gerald Hernesmaa, Wenta Tu'ume
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	Tamara Shoup
BOOKKEEPER	Ravina Sangara
OFFICE ASSISTANT / BOOKINGS	Tara 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. A group show by Louise Bunn, Liane Varnum is held in the fireside until the end of December.

***REFUGEE COMMITTEE:** is selling raffle tickets, cookbooks and Entertainment books in Hewett Centre after the service. Thank you for your support

TODAY'S FORUM Join us in the Fireside Room at 12:30 for a compelling presentation from Trish Garner of Raise the Rates. She will be telling us about the Poverty Olympics and this year's Poverty Olympics Torch Relay. For the last two years, Raise the Rates has staged the Poverty Olympics in the Downtown Eastside. It is a remarkable, community-led event highlights the nature of poverty in BC through fun, family-friendly skits loosely based on official Olympic events. It's an afternoon to remember, not only for its brilliantly presented analysis of Olympic spending and priorities, but also for the community spirit shining through

THRIFT SALE EVALUATION A reminder of the meeting today at 12:30 in Lindsey/Priestly. Please bring your constructive comments and idea for inclusion in our recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

UCV CENTENARY EVENTS

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

UCV AND DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 accommodation and delicious meals. Register with Pam Rickey at 604-732-1370 or pamelarickey@trentu.ca.

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.

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.

HEADS UP: Make plans to stay after next Sundays service for our churches AGM. Members can register and get voting cards in the hall. Everybody attend.

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'll meet for coffee and muffins around 9am, Sat Dec 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 still looking for the following items.

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

We appreciate any contributions and will acknowledge them in a future bulletin with thanks. If needed, we will make arrangements for pick up.

WE COULD USE YOUR HELP setting Our Children's Table on Tuesday mornings beginning January 5th. Please join us for a volunteer meeting on Tues, Dec. 1st, at 11am in the Budny in Hewett Hall. There are volunteer positions in reception; preparing breakfast and lunch food; storytelling; receiving, distributing and packing food; organising and presenting resources on health, nutrition and ecological living; childcare; and, coordinating a clothing, book and toy exchange. Call Lauren Griffin @604-688-0179 or Diana Epperson @604-569-3944 if you have questions. Thanks.