

A Church in the Forest: Transcendentalism, B.C. Style

Debra Thorne

Aug 29, 2010

11:00 am



image credit: Emily Carr, *Deep Forest, New and Old*

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 Aug 29, 2010

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. 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
Please turn off your pagers, cell phones, etc.*



Prelude

Clair de lune Claude Debussy
Leah Hokanson, piano

Opening Words

Greeting Our Neighbours #436

Unison Reading
led by Galen Elfert

Kindling the Chalice Flame

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Love is the doctrine of this church,
The quest of truth its sacrament
And service its prayer
To dwell together in peace,
To seek knowledge in freedom,
To serve human need,

To the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with the Divine.

Opening Hymn #21

For the Beauty of the Earth

Story for All Ages

Reach for the Sky written by Allison Stoutland
illustrated by Cathy Hofher
read by Debra Thorne

Let's Sing the Children Out "Go Now..."

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.*

In a Landscape (excerpt) John Cage
Leah Hokanson, piano

Sung Meditation followed by Silence # 398

To See The World

Homily Part 1 *Transcendentalism: B.C Style* Debra Thorne
A Transcendental Moment “Collaboration #1, adapted *” music by Galen Elfert
Part 2 Debra Thorne

Closing Song #349

Here We Have Gathered

Benediction/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

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

*The music which accompanies the meditation is adapted from a piece created for an experimental short film produced in 2008. It is derived entirely from a recording of a domestic clothes dryer, processed by software of the composer's invention.



Exploring Happiness
Patrick Dubois and Phil Campbell
Sunday Sept 5, 2010
11:00 am Worship Service
music with Patrick Dubois

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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: left side for parents with babies or small children in child care, and right side for persons in wheelchairs.

WELCOME! NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS

A Warm Welcome!

If you are a new family visiting with children or babies, we look forward to welcoming you in person. Free childcare is available for children 3 and under, and children over 3 are invited to check out our dynamic Sunday school programs. Children are also welcome to stay for the church service if they prefer. If you feel that you need to slip out of the service with a crying baby, please feel free to rejoin the service at any time. The service can also 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	Dave Steele, Catherine Hembling, John Omielan
FLOWERS	Shirley Brunke
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL	Karen Hobbs, Leslie Hill
LUNCH	Refugee Committee (fundraising for Farahnaz)
ORDER OF SERVICE	Tara-Lee MacNiven
SOUND	Hans Elfert
USHERS	Ann Niklewicz, Lily Ha, Shirley Brunke
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Shoshanna Wiley, Gwen Bevan

STAFF

PARISH MINISTER	Rev. Steven Epperson
INTERN MINISTER	Joe Cherry
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Donna Brown
MUSIC ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER	Elliott Dainow
D.R.E.	Cristin Lee
HEAD CUSTODIAN	Stan Clarke
REPLACEMENT CUSTODIANS	Gerald Hernesmaa, Wenta Tu'ume, Bruce Murray
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	Tamara Shoup
BOOKKEEPER	Ravina Sangara
OFFICE ASSISTANT / BOOKINGS	Tara-Lee MacNiven
SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS	Virginia Crabill, Patti Turner
UCV LAY CHAPLAINS	Phyllis Bassett, Dan Enright Sherry King, Wayne Ulian
COMMUNITY MINISTER	Rev. Laura Imayoshi

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

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS TODAY

Our regular religious education classes for children of all ages will resume in September. During the summer months, children in church are invited to participate in arts and crafts with childcare staff. Following the story for all ages, please head down to Parker Room on the lower floor of Hewett Centre.

ART IN THE CHURCH This exhibit by AJ Brown is from Aug 23rd – Sept 19th in the Sanctuary. This is an abstract art exhibit. It has mostly paintings that are sayings or quotations within the work. The exhibit also has symbols in the works as well. AJ Brown hopes these will uplift and inspire people who view them. Some of the work is watercolour on panel, which is a new medium for A.J. She first started with this in November 2009. A.J. hopes the works open people up for more spirituality, and peace. This is fun and lighthearted art. In the Fireside Room her exhibit is until Oct 17th

UCV AND DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILD CARE CENTRE FACE LIFT Throughout the next several months, we are hoping to slowly renovate our child care centre. We are currently looking to procure two fairly new, comfortable adult chairs as well as a kitchen play centre. We are also looking for a new home for the playhouse. If you are interested in donating any of the above items or wish to make an offer of purchase on the playhouse, please contact the Director of Religious Education at cristin@vancouverunitarians.ca, 604.261.7204, ext. 226.

REFUGEE COMMITTEE Farahnaz will be offering a traditional Afghan lunch to us all today for the last time. Her lunches have helped her repay the government travel loan (\$2531!) which brought her and her two little boys to safety in Canada in 2007. She has done this while learning English and studying for a career. It's a magnificent achievement and she deserves our congratulations.

MINISTERIAL INTERN Joe Cherry will commence his internship officially on September 1. He may be reached in the church office by telephone or at either of the following email addresses: joe@vancouverunitarians.ca or intern@vancouverunitarians.ca.

SUMMER THRIFT SALES CONTINUE TODAY TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR CHURCH

A big “thank you” to those who have been supporting this major fund raiser by shopping at the *Books, Treasure Trove, Classy Clothes For Women*, and *Electrical* departments after Sunday services. These departments are usually open before services as well. Thank you to the volunteers who have worked hard to sort donations, and to transport items that we cannot use to other charities.

Remember to invite your friends, relations and neighbours to come and shop on Sundays as well, as we are not having a public sale this year. **We will be having a special evening of sales on Thursday, September 9th, 7-9 pm., before the last Sunday of sales on September 12th.**

Thank you to the congregation for the items which you have donated since the beginning of July. We can no longer accept donations because of space limitations.

BOOK STORE The UCV summer book store is now open in Hitchmanova, every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. from now until September 12. Please come down and check out our offerings. There are many books, nearly new and gently read at the right prices for any budget, from \$.25 to \$5 for particularly beautiful specially priced books. We have DVDs, CDs and Videotapes as well. All you need for summer reading is available downstairs. Proceeds go to support our church. We are also happily accepting donations from now until Aug. 29. All the usual restrictions apply: no computer books, no Readers Digest, no encyclopedias, no magazines, no ripped, torn, marked or smelly books, please.

URGENTLY SEEKING COFFEE COORDINATOR AND SERVERS Over the last year and a half Ann Foster has taken over the coordination of coffee service. She is giving up this position and we are seeking someone to fill the role of coordinator. We also need servers for Sundays Sept 5, 10. As coordinator, you would coordinate and schedule up to 6 volunteers for rotating Sundays. If you are able to help out in any capacity, contact the church office and we will forward your name to the appropriate place.