

Restoring Hope

Rev. Laura Imayoshi

April 3, 2011

11:00 am



image Credit: The Truth and Reconciliation Commission Bentwood Box is a lasting tribute to all Residential School Survivors

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 April 3, 2011

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

Instrumental Selections
Bill Costin*, piano

Introduction

Maggie DeVries

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours

Rev. Laura Imayoshi

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Rise Up O Flame Elliot Dainow

Opening Hymn #391

Voice Still and Small

Story for All Ages

Shi-shi-etko Nicola Campbell
Illustrated by Kim LaFave
read by Maggie DeVries

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.*

Inner City Blues written by Marvin Gaye
Dalannah Gail Bowen**, voice
Bill Costin, piano

Meditation, spoken then silent

words by Rev. Robert Hardies
read by Laura Imayoshi

Musical Reflection

Tupelo Honey written by Van Morrison
Dalannah Gail Bowen, voice
Bill Costin, piano

Sermon

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Closing Hymn/Song

Siyahamba

Benediction/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Rev. Laura Imayoshi

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

Postlude

Bill Costin, piano

*Bill Costin is an in demand pianist whose work with Denis Simpson is legendary. Their partnership created Denis's solo award-winning play "Denis Anyone?" and East End Blues and All That Jazz.

**Dalannah Gail Bowen is an African-Candian/Cherokee vocalist, poet, playwright, fundraiser and community activist. Dalannah lives in the downtown eastside and her work is focused on creating artistic opportunities for the members of this community. She is featured on April 15 at 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Wesley Church singing the songs of Mahalia Jackson. The concert is a benefit for the Michael Clague led Community Arts Council's Downtown Eastside Arts Fund . Call 689-0926 for more info or see Dalannah at the end of today's service or go to www.firehallartscentre.ca

Sunday, April 10, 2011

11:00 am Worship Service

The Power of Commitment and Renewal

Rev. Steven Epperson and UCV Members

music with the Chalice Choir and Michael Dunn's group,

Brighter Lights/Thicker Glasses

lunch: Refugee Ctte

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

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

George Morgan, Catherine Stewart, Mike Curtis

FLOWERS

Chris Pearce

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Jean Stanton, Ann Foster

LUNCH

Refugee Ctte(Palestinians)

ORDER OF SERVICE

Tara-Lee MacNiven

SOUND

Rob Taylor

USHERS

Pat Johnson, Marg Fletcher, Diane Brown, John Omielan

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Mark Brunke, Shirley Brunke, Ariel Hunt-Brondwin

STAFF

PARISH MINISTER

Rev. Steven Epperson

INTERN MINISTER

Joe Cherry

COMMUNITY MINISTER

Rev. Laura Imayoshi

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Donna Brown

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Elliott Dainow

D.R.E.

Cristin Lee

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Gerald Hernesmaa, Wenta Tu'ume, Bruce Murray

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Tamara Shoup

BOOKKEEPER

Ravina Sangara

OFFICE ASSISTANT / BOOKINGS

Tara-Lee MacNiven

SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS

Virginia Crabill, John Omielan

Anthony Roper, Robert Schultz

UCV LAY CHAPLAINS

Phyllis Bassett, Dan Enright

Sherry King, Wayne Ulian

*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 PROGRAM

0 – 3 years: Tiny Tales will meet upstairs in the Cloud room.

3 – 6 years: Spirit Play will meet downstairs in the Rainbow room

7 – 8 years: Celebrating Rainforests will meet downstairs in the Fireside room.

9 – 12 years: Traditions With a Wink will meet upstairs in the Fireside room.

Youth: SWDYT? Will meet downstairs in the Moon room.

ENVIRONMENTAL ARTS FORUM Today Mary Bennett and Julien Thomas will do a short presentation on environmental arts including the Stanley Park Environmental Art Project and then facilitate a dialogue about art, the environment and community building. Fireside Room 12:30pm

UCV AND DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANVASS: RENEW UCV NEXT WEEK! In harmony with this season of earth's renewal, our canvass campaign kicks off April 10 with a wonderful participatory service on The Power of Commitment and Renewal. This will be followed by scrumptious strudel, made even more delicious with your generous pledge. Goethe said: "Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness. Concerning all acts of initiative (and creation) there is one elementary truth the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans: that the moment one definitely commits oneself, then Providence moves too." Let each of us deepen our personal financial commitment to UCV, and move Providence. Guidelines on pledging are in the letter you received from the Canvass Committee

JOE CHERRY, INTERN MINISTER is flying home from Boston today, having appeared before the Ministerial Fellowship Ctte of the Unitarian Universalist Association. (CUC ministers also go before this body to enter fellowship.) He is looking forward to staying put next weekend and coming to church (after having travelled for the last three weekends.)

CHALICE CHOIR SPRING CONCERT Stravinsky for Spring! Join the Chalice Choir and the Vancouver Chamber Players for an amazing experience – Stravinsky's *Symphony of Psalms*, as well as works by Brahms and Thompson. Hear our largest orchestra ever – almost 30 musicians. Not to be missed! Invite your friends! Sunday, April 17 at 7:30 pm, Sanctuary. Childcare provided. Reception to follow. Tickets: \$15 (Low income – pay what you can.) Available in Hewett Centre after church today or from any choir member.

UCV BOOK CLUB All welcome. Books: April 15, *Value of Nothing: Why Everything Costs So Much More Than We Think* by Raj Patel.

THE CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEETING is being held in Toronto from May 20th to 23rd this year. Our church is able to send up to 9 delegates to that meeting to vote on national Unitarian business; all who attend participate in workshops, worship, and make or renew connections with Unitarians across the country. If you are interested in being a member of our delegation, please contact a Board member. —Timothy McCormick

UNITARIAN SOCIAL GROUP Come out to eat and socialize with fellow Unitarians. All ages are welcome. We will gather on Saturday, April 9th at 6:00 pm at the Hewett Centre of UCV. Theme: games night. Please bring some food to share. Bring your board games if you like. Contact Eva Perjes 604-873-0770 for more information.

NEW MEMBERS, WOMEN OF ALL AGES are invited to join “The New Women’s Group” Generally we meet on the Third Sunday of the month at 1:00. However the April meeting will be on Easter Sunday, in Budny on the Fourth Sunday. May 15 and June 19 meetings are in Castello. There are no meetings in July and August. Contact 604-261-7022 for more information.

SONGS OF MAHALIA JACKSON Tickets to this fundraiser coordinated by Dalannah Gail Bowen who is singing this morning (and the Sojourners) are available today and through Mary Bennett maryinvancouver@gmail.com Friday, April 15 @ 8 pm - St. Andrew’s Wesley Church, 1022 Nelson - TICKETS: \$25 general seating, \$40 reserved seating www.firehallartscentre.ca

"THE BONES IN OUR WINGS" On Friday, April 15th at 7 pm in the Hewett Hall, Alex Winstanley and Nick Epperson will be hosting their CD and book launch for their creation, "The Bones in Our Wings". Cello music will accompany spoken word poetry in a magical night exploring the stories of marginalized people through ideas of reincarnation. There will be cheese, wine, a Q & A and book signing.

OTHER EVENTS

THE VANCOUVER FOLK SONG SOCIETY will host American and British folk revival legend, **Peggy Seeger**, in a CD release concert at the Unitarian Church on April 13, 7:30 (doors open at 7:00). Tickets \$18 @ the door, reservations: banjomamapat@gmail.com

“I have a reputation for being an activist, a progressive, an advocate, a mover-and-shaker, a leftwinger, a feminist, a singer of songs which try to move humanity on a little down the road towards that time when our descendants will look back upon us as Neanderthals, dinosaurs, blind hopefuls groping our way towards the future.”