

# Volunteering as a Spiritual Practice

**Rev. Laura Imayoshi**

**April 18, 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**      *April 18, 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**

**Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours**

Alex Winstanley

**Kindling the Chalice Flame**

Rev. Laura Imayoshi\*

**Opening Hymn # 315**

*This Old World*

**Story for All Ages**

*Albert* by Donna Jo Napoli  
read by Jennifer Fell

*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.*

Alex Winstanley

**Meditation, spoken then silent**

Rev. Laura Imayoshi

**Musical Response**

**Sermon**

*Volunteering as a Spiritual Practice*

Rev. Laura Imayoshi

**Closing Hymn #318**

*We Would Be One*

**Benediction/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame**

Rev. Laura Imayoshi

**Valediction**

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.  
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\*Rev. Laura Imayoshi is a Community Minister affiliated with this congregation. She serves primarily in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver at a non-profit agency benefitting HIV positive women and women at risk. Laura has been a Unitarian all her life and has been involved with this congregation since 1986, when her family moved here and enrolled her in Sunday school. In October, 2007, this congregation ordained Laura as a Unitarian Community minister.

**\*\*Andy Vine** is a folksinger and song writer with an eclectic repertoire of traditional and contemporary songs. His composition "Woman Of Labrador" has been recorded by numerous artists including Figgy Duff and Fraser Union. Songs sung today were Streets of London, Hard Times and The Good night Loving Trail. Accompanied by local fiddle player Doug Thordarson. ([www.stringfever.ca](http://www.stringfever.ca)) and Danielle Arcand on vocals.

Hymn 315 - This Old World (tune 213)

VERSE 1



This old world is full of sor - row, full of sick - ness, weak and sore;



if you love your neigh - bour tru - ly, love will come to you the more.

VERSE 2



We're all chil - dren of one fam - 'ly, we're all bro - thers, sis - ters too;



if you cher - ish one an - o - ther, love and friend - ship come to you.

VERSE 3



This old world can be a gar - den, full of frag - rance, full of grace;



if we love our neigh - bours tru - ly, we must meet them face to face.

VERSE 4



It is said now, "Love thy neigh - bour," and we know well that is true;



this the sum of hum - an la - bour, true for me as well as you.

**Sunday, April 25, 2010**

**11:00 am Worship Service**

**Earth Day Service**

**Coming to our Senses: A Force For Change**

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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

<b>COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS</b>	Youth Group with Sheldon Reddekopp
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Shirley Brunke
<b>LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL</b>	Frances Anderson, Olive Stewart
<b>LUNCH</b>	Youth Group
<b>ORDER OF SERVICE</b>	Tara-Lee MacNiven
<b>SOUND</b>	Gerry Hayle
<b>USHERS</b>	Jane Sutherland, Cheryl Amundson, Carolyn Grant
<b>WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE</b>	Gwen Bevan, Nancy Strider, Karen Bartlett

### STAFF

<b>PARISH MINISTER</b>	Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>ACTING CHOIR DIRECTOR</b> (Donna Brown is on sabbatical)	Gavin Grandish
<b>MUSIC ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER</b>	Elliott Dainow
<b>ACTING D.R.E.</b>	Jennifer Fell
<b>HEAD CUSTODIAN</b>	Stan Clarke
<b>REPLACEMENT CUSTODIANS</b>	Gerald Hernesmaa, Wenta Tu'ume, Bruce Murray
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER</b>	Tamara Shoup
<b>BOOKKEEPER</b>	Ravina Sangara
<b>OFFICE ASSISTANT / BOOKINGS</b>	Tara-Lee MacNiven
<b>SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS</b>	Virginia Crabill, Patti Turner
<b>UCV LAY CHAPLAINS</b>	Phyllis Bassett, Dan Enright Sherry King, Wayne Ulian
<b>COMMUNITY MINISTER</b>	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**

0-3 years - Childcare available in Hewett Centre

3 years to grade 3 - Spirit Play group, meet downstairs in Parker

Grades 4-7 - UU Principles and the Simpsons, meet upstairs in Budny

Youth group - is preparing/selling lunch today in the kitchen

**ART IN THE CHURCH** April 4<sup>th</sup> - May 2<sup>nd</sup> *Sanctuary*: Sharon Christian typically paints in serious of people, nature and animals. Her fine art paintings will be accompanied by her whimsical painted sculptures: the core made out of recycled Styrofoam. April 4<sup>th</sup> - May 2<sup>nd</sup> *Fireside*, Julie McIntyre's paper constructions of the Vancouver area are made with recycled pieces from her excess print work. Each layered collage takes between 8-15 hours to complete.

**FORUM TODAY** Ministry in the Downtown East Side. Rev. Laura Imayoshi and the Ctte on Community Ministry. Our affiliated Community Minister and the COCM will host this forum. Bring your questions and comments and come to learn more about Laura's ministry in Vancouver Downtown Eastside.

### **UCV AND DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHALICE CHOIR CABARET** The Chalice Choir presents: The UCV Spring Cabaret, Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm. \$15 with performances by ErRatica and the Chalice Choir. No host bar. Light Snacks.

**IF YOU CAN OFFER A RIDE** (or if you are in need of a ride) to the CUC-ACM in Victoria, May 22-24, please leave your name with Jeannie Corsi ([nichorsi@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:nichorsi@interchange.ubc.ca)).

**BILLETS ARE AVAILABLE** in the homes of Victoria Unitarians for those attending the CUC-ACM which is being held at U.Vic., May 21-24. To request a billet please e-mail Pat McMahon at [pmcmahon@shaw.ca](mailto:pmcmahon@shaw.ca)

**OUR CHILDREN'S TABLE** Thank you for the 400-600 gr. bricks of cheddar cheese left in the foyer basket for the families in our food and education program. Your donations of clean children's clothes & books left in the big red labeled box in Hewett Hall have also been appreciated. We will continue to accept these gifts until June 8th.

**UCV BOOK CLUB** meets first Sunday of month at 12:30 pm. All welcome. Books: May 2, *A Fair Country: Telling Truths about Canada*, NF, John Ralston Saul; June 6, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, F, Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows.

**FREE LUNCH** for all who carpool from UCV to the Pilgrimage to Burns Bog after the Earth Day service on April 25. Drivers and riders meet in the parking lot and enjoy a very healthful bag lunch as you travel to the Pilgrimage. Join us on this spiritual journey to a sacred and beautiful (and threatened) natural wonder.

**FAMILY SPAGHETTI DINNER NIGHT** Please join us on Wednesday April 21st for our fun, communally prepared spaghetti dinner with potluck salad and dessert. Please arrive at 5:00 pm if you are able to help with preparations and at 6:00 pm for dinner. Suggested donation of \$5.00 per person and \$10.00 per family. We welcome adults and children of all ages.

**MOSES AND THE PHARAOH** If you are missing the brown robe worn by Moses, please claim from Connie Wigmore, [cwigmore1@shaw.ca](mailto:cwigmore1@shaw.ca), 604 879 6243.

**VEGAN BAKE SALE** The UCV Green Fund Fundraiser needs clear display cases, such as cake holders, for the May 2nd Bake Sale in Hewett Hall. If you can lend us something to fit the bill, please contact Denise (604-872-5343, [dcswanon@shaw.ca](mailto:dcswanon@shaw.ca)) or leave it - labeled who from and who for - in the kitchen on Sunday April 25th

**UNITARIAN SUMMER CAMPS** There will be a display of pictures and information about Unitarian Summer Camps coming up in July and August in the Hall after Church. Please come and chat with Diane Donaldson who has attended many inspiring and fun-filled camps in the past and is enthusiastic about these holidays or contact Diane at [donaldsond@telus.net](mailto:donaldsond@telus.net) or Ph: 604-224-0933.

**NEW U IN A DAY** Interested in learning more about the Unitarian Church of Vancouver? **Come to New U in a Day, Saturday May 15, 9:15 – 2:30, Fireside Room (coffee and muffins 9:00, light lunch provided).** Learn about Unitarians beliefs, history and finding your way in the UCV community. Attendance is encouraged prior to becoming a UCV member. Interested current members are also invited. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Table or in the church office. For additional information, contact: Dianne Crosbie, 604.876.6543.