

Earth Day Service Coming to Our Senses: A Force For Change

Sean Devlin
April 25, 2010
11:00 am



“Books are okay, except they only get one channel.”

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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 25, 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.*



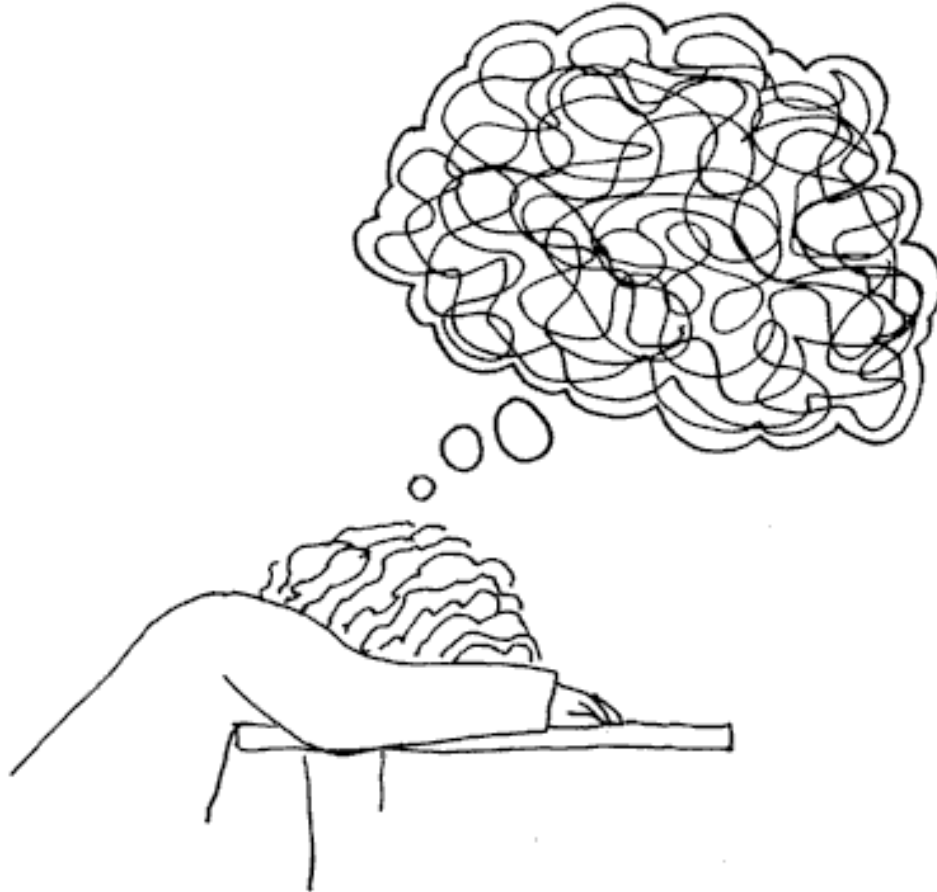
Prelude	Rondo* (op. 49 no.1) Waltz (rondo-form) Rondo in D	L. van Beethoven F. Chopin W.A. Mozart E. Dainow, piano
Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours		Denise Swanson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		
Opening Hymn # 298		<i>Wake Now my Senses</i>
Story for All Ages	<i>On the Day You Were Born</i> by Debra Frasier read by Sasha Gomery	
	<i>Let's Sing the Children Out "Go Now..."</i>	
Welcome and Announcements		Board member
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Board member
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offering and the gifts you share.</i>		<i>Gaia</i> composed by J. Poley performed by E. Dainow, Jane Slemon
Meditation, spoken then silent	from "A Desperate Clarity" by Bill McKibben in <i>When the Wild Comes Leaping at Us</i> , ed. David Suzuki read by Margo Elfert	
Musical Response	i thank you god	text: e.e. cummings music: E. Elgar arr't: E. Dainow
Sermon	<i>Coming to Our Senses, a Force for Change</i> Sean Devlin**	
Closing Hymn #1064		<i>Blue Boat Home</i>
Benediction/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame		Margo Elfert

Valediction

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.
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*Our planet keeps going 'round and 'round, like these pieces called "Rondo" which keep repeating a theme. E. Dainow

**Sean Devlin is a 26 year old activist, and award-winning comedian and filmmaker. He makes his home in Vancouver.



Sunday, May 2, 2010

11:00 am Worship Service

In Praise of Labour?

Rev. Steven Epperson

music: Solidarity Notes Choir

Earle Peach, conductor

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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

Lynette Tresierra, Jean Lamond, Velia Laval

FLOWERS

Carolyn Innes

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Aphrodite Harris, Hilda Wiebe

LUNCH

Environment Committee

ORDER OF SERVICE

Tara-Lee MacNiven

SOUND

Rob Grieg

USHERS

Greg Grant, Julie Cowie, Gary Smook, Hilda Wiebe

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Shoshanna Wiley, Eleanor Dunn, Karen Hobbs

STAFF

PARISH MINISTER

Rev. Steven Epperson

ACTING CHOIR DIRECTOR (Donna Brown is on sabbatical)

Gavin Grandish

MUSIC ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER

Elliott Dainow

ACTING D.R.E.

Jennifer Fell

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

0-3 year olds – childcare is available upstairs in the childcare room

3 years to grade 3 – Spirit Play group will be doing a story today about Earth Day; meet downstairs in Parker

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

Youth Group – meet downstairs in Hitschmanova

ART IN THE CHURCH April 4th - May 2nd *Sanctuary*: Sharon Christian typically paints in series 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 4th – May 2nd *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.

FREE LUNCH for all who carpool from UCV to the Pilgrimage to Burns Bog after TODAY'S Earth Day service. 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.

UCV AND DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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).

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

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.

A.R.E.: SHARING WHAT WE MAKE AND DO continues this Tuesday, April 27 as we honour the written word by sharing poetry and prose created by UCV members and friends. All are welcome! The class meets in the Fireside Room from 7 - 9 pm. Cost: \$5.00.

UNITARIAN MUSIC CLUB Everyone is welcome to attend the Music Club's meeting on Monday, April 26 at 7:30 in the Sanctuary. Please bring a contribution to refreshments. If you would like to perform, come and we will set a date. Info: Jeannie Corsi: 604.224.1040, nichorsi@interchange.ubc.ca; David Donaldson: 604.224.6010, dvdd@telus.net.

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) 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 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.

ARE: MULTIFAITH MYSICS 8 Tuesdays -- April 27 to June 15 with Harold Rosen www.interfaitheducation.org) To register, contact Tara at the UCV office at tara@vancouverunitarians.ca **Fee:** \$90 for whole course or \$15/session, drop-in basis. The Quest for Oneness takes many forms – paradoxically or not so paradoxically! This Quest reflects varying historical settings, religious heritages, and distinctive spiritual experiences – yet universals seem discernible in these diverse paths of ascent. In this course, we survey the lives and teachings of influential mystics from wide-ranging traditions. What visions did they feel compelled to share? How were their teachings similar and different? How did they affect their times? Is an evolutionary trend traceable across the ages? What guidance do the great mystics bring us today? An informal lecture-discussion format and a safe climate for exploration will be offered.