

When the Tao Encounters the West

**Rev. Steven Epperson
& Rev. Laura Imayoshi**

February 14, 2010

11:00 am



Masters of “The Three Teachings” of China; Confucius, Buddha, Lao-tzu

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 *February 14, 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

Full Moon Dance Traditional. arranged by Khac Chi*
Highland Festival composed by Khac Chi
Scent of the Forest Folk. arranged by Do Loc
On the Mountain Top Trad. arr. by Hoang Bic
When the Wind Call Folk song. arr. by Khac Chi

Invocation

O Ye Who Taste that Love is Sweet
words: Christina Rosetti; music: 15th century French melody
with the Chalice Choir

Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours

Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Opening Hymn # 131

Love Will Guide Us

Story for All Ages

The Gift of Nothing by Patrick McDonnell
read by Rev. Steven Epperson

*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

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

Village Dance trad./arr.: Khac Chi

Meditation, spoken then silent

Rev. Steven Epperson

Anthem

Ahrirang Korean folk song
arr. Robert de Cormier
with the Chalice Choir

Sermon

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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 during the service. Your children aged three and above will enjoy the church school. Ask the ushers for directions. If you 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

George Morgan, Judy Villett, Katherine Miller

FLOWERS

Lorraine Calame

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Elizabeth Murdoch, Lindsay Udem

LUNCH

Refugee Committee

ORDER OF SERVICE

Tara-Lee MacNiven

SOUND

Galen Elfert

USHERS

Margo Elfert, Velia Laval, Denise Nereida

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Gwen Bevan, Karen Bartlett, Bennett Mitten

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, Wentu Tu'ume

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 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)

REFUGEE COMMITTEE Today's lunch is a traditional Palestinian one, prepared for you by our new Palestinian committee member. Come and enjoy!

UCV BOOK CLUB meets first Sundays at 12:30 pm. All welcome. Check paper on windows near Hewett Centre entry for room. All welcome. Books: March 7, *The Realm of the Hungry Ghosts*, NF, Gabor Maté; April 4, *The Golden Mean*, F, Annabel Lyon; 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.

ART IN THE SANCTUARY Sima Elizabeth Shefrin facilitated 2 art workshops in Palestine and Israel. "I invited participants to create fabric self-portraits, which with the help of stitchers in BC, have made the quilts you see today". See more info in the Sanctuary. In the Sanctuary and Fireside Room until end of Feb.

FORUM 12:30-1:30pm -- Fireside Room. Social Justice Committee. BEST (Better Environmentally Sound Transportation) is proud to present Autoobesity. Find out how to rid yourself of vehicle dependence. UCV member, Robin Macqueen will tell his story about how their family of 4 got of the car. BEST representatives will introduce the BEST car diet. And you will discover how can you can save money and the environment!

UCV AND DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANCELLED – Due to conflicts with major Olympic events and low ticket sales the Universal Gospel Choir concert scheduled for February 28th has been cancelled. The concert to benefit Our Children's Table will be rescheduled to a later date. If you purchased tickets they may be returned to the Social Justice Committee for a refund.

UCV'S OUR CHILDREN'S TABLE food and education program will continue to collect your donations of 1) 400-600 grams of unprocessed bricks of cheddar cheese. Please drop them into the labeled basket in the Sanctuary foyer. Cheese is a most desired food by the 25 families served on Tuesday mornings in Hewett Hall. It is a simple and nutritious complement to the healthy bread being distributed along with fresh produce, grains, legumes and dairy. We have received many thank you's to pass on to you from grateful parents. You are welcome to join us on Tuesdays to volunteer and enjoy a delicious, healthy lunch with us. Contact Lauren 604-688-0179 or Diana 604-569-3944.

NEW WOMEN'S GROUP Third Sunday of the month, beginning Feb. 21st. 1:15pm after church for 2 hrs or so. Come – make contact – share what we'd like to do. 6-10 people. Register with Dorothy Goresky – 604-261-7022 – or Delores Bate – 604-737-7099

VISUAL ARTS GROUP in Hitchmanova on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 1-3pm.

CELEBRATE A VEIN OF GOLD --our youth-- in folk concert, Saturday, Feb 20th, 7:30 – 9:30, Hewett Centre (kids free, Youth \$5ish, Adults \$10ish, tix at the door). Listen to those whose ears are pressed to the world's complex issues and who offer us hope, fun and direction as we head off into our lives, strengthened by community. These quiet and cozy evenings are infused with the spirit of the folk coffee houses of our own youth. Welcome those both long and short in memory.

VEGAN-ON-A-SHOESTRING is back by popular acclaim. This month's workshop features *The Gentle Lentil*. Learn how to transform this versatile, protein- and fiber-rich ingredient into succulent stews and more, all on a tight budget. Saturday, February 27th 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Denise's (26th Ave., between Cambie and Main). Sliding scale \$5 - \$12. Pre-registration required, contact Denise Swanson: dcswanon@shaw.ca or 604-872-5343.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SPAGHETTI DINNER The next spaghetti dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th. Join us for this communally prepared 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. Please bring a salad or dessert item to share. Suggested donation of \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family.

GARDENING WORKSHOP with Grant Watson: Garden Planning and Preparation, Sun, Feb 28 2-5 pm in Hewett Centre. Discount for UCV members. For details see gourmetgardens.ca