

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

Rev. Steven Epperson

February 28, 2010

11:00 am



Image credit: Mehmet Gunyeli *Derwische*

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 28, 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

Musical Selections

*Sina Ettehad, *kamanche (Persian fiddle)*

**Hamin Honari, *tombak (goblet drum)*

Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours

Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Opening Hymn # 295

Sing Out Praises For The Journey

Story for All Ages

The Magic Pillow by Demi
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.*

Shur: "Na-Omid"

Sina Ettehad

Hamin Honari

Meditation, spoken then silent

Rev. Steven Epperson

Musical Response

Avaze Isfahan

Sina Ettehad

Hamin Honari

Sermon

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Closing Hymn # 323

Break Not The Circle

Benediction/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Valediction

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

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*Sina was born in Tehran (1987). He has studied Kamanche with Master Ardeshir Kamkar. Sina has performed numerous concerts throughout North America with ensembles such as Raha, Kereshmeh and the UBC Persian Music Ensemble.

**Hamin Honari was born in Zahedan in 1983. He has studied Tombak with Ramin Bahrami. Hamin performs regularly with ensembles such as: The Sangha Quartet, The Honari Family Ensemble and Raha.



image credit: Matthew Montgomery, 2009

Sunday, March 7, 2010

11:00 am Worship Service

Partner Church Sunday: A Life-Changing Experience

Rev. Phillip Hewett

E. Dainow plays Franz Lehar (Hungarian opera)

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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	n/a
ORDER OF SERVICE	Tara-Lee MacNiven
SOUND	Rob Grieg
USHERS	Greg Grant, Julie Cowie, Gary Smook, Hilda Wiebe
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Naomi Taylor, Shoshanna Wiley, Gwen Bevan

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 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 – free childcare is available in the Childcare room in Hewett Centre

3 years to grade 3 – Spirit Play group, will be hearing a story today about the Jewish holiday of Purim (meet downstairs in Parker)

Grades 4 – 7 – The Unitarian principles and the Simpsons – group discussion of important themes in a contemporary setting (meet in Budny/Socinus)

Youth Group – Please come and join us in Hitschmanova (downstairs)

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.

REFUGEE COMMITTEE meeting today, 12:30, in Castellio, Hewett Centre. All welcome!! Please join us at least once and share your ideas for fundraising, your enthusiasm and your compassion.

SOCIAL JUSTICE BAZAAR POSTPONED Due to a scheduling conflict with an extremely popular Olympic event, the Social Justice Bazaar scheduled for today has been postponed 'til March 28th.

UCV AND DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANCELLED Due to conflicts with major Olympic events and low ticket sales the Universal Gospel Choir concert scheduled for Today 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 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.

UCV'S OUR CHILDREN'S TABLE There have been many thank yous to pass on to you for your gifts of cheddar cheese from the families who attend Our Children's Table on most Tuesdays (in March: 2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th). We will continue to collect cheese (400-600gr.bricks) through the 6th of June. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Diana & Lauren at oct@vancouverunitarians.ca.

THE THRIFT SALE is changing this year. In 2010 it will take place on summer Sundays only. A brainstorming meeting to plan the changes will be held on Sunday, March 7th at 12:30pm in Castellio. New church members! This is a good opportunity to get to know your community and help to raise much needed funds. Please come and bring your ideas and enthusiasm!

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE OF MARCH 7TH 2010 there will be a special collection in aid of our Partner Church in Brassó Romania. Any identifiable contribution made to UCV is eligible for a tax receipt.

FIRST FRIDAY FOCUS March 5th, 7pm to 9pm Meaningful Music: Pick, Pack, Play, and Present its Purposes. Bring and speak to us about the CDs and tapes (or an instrument) that speak to you. Popcorn provided.