

The One Thing We Could Do

Rev. Steven Epperson

January 24, 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 *January 24, 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 through **quiet** reflection during the prelude.
Please turn off your pagers, cell phones, etc.*

Prelude

Slavonic Dances A. Dvorak*
Edgar Bridwell, violin
E. Dainow, piano

Invocation

Open Now These Gates of Beauty
by Gordon Young
with the Chalice Choir

Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours

Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Opening Hymn # 298

Wake Now My Senses

Story for All Ages

The Coconut Monk by Thich Nhat Hanh
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
our presence here, your offering
and the gifts you share.*

Hymn to Freedom Oscar Peterson
(arr. E. Dainow) Edgar Bridwell, violin
Paul Nash, bass E. Dainow, piano

Meditation, spoken then silent

Anthem

Great Day arr. by Brazeal W. Dennard
with the Chalice Choir

Sermon

The One Thing We Could Do
Rev. Steven Epperson

Closing Hymn # 121

We'll Build a Land

Benediction/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

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

*Born in Czechoslovakia, the same country as Antonin Dvorak, Lotte Hitchmanova was an instrumental figure in putting Canadian Unitarianism on the map. We honour her today with the music of her countrymen. E. Dainow



image credit: *Piano #13* (Marta Fernandez Calvo and Dorothee Kreutzfeldt)

Sunday, January 31, 2010

11:00 am Worship Service

A Fair Country?

Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson

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

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	Lynette Tresierra, Jean Lamond, Judy Villett
FLOWERS	Carolyn Ennes
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL	Aphrodite Harris, Hilda Wiebe
LUNCH	n/a
ORDER OF SERVICE	Tara-Lee MacNiven
SOUND	Rob Grieg
USHERS	Julie Cowie, Gary Smook, Hilda Wiebe
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Dianne Crosbie, Beatriz Sheldon, Terry Sheldon

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, Lindsey Udem
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)

ART SHOW Claire Adam Jan 3 – 31st. “Looking forward to Spring” Mixed media. Sanctuary and Fireside Room.Arts Cttee Mtg, 12:30pm in Castello. Everyone welcome!

TODAY'S FORUM Why are we in Afghanistan? Join John Foster and Millie Morton from the Kingston Ontario Unitarian Fellowship for an insightful presentation on the motivations that led us into war in Afghanistan. Their presentation has evolved from a small group "Behind the Headlines" to have a national impact. In the Fireside Room, 12:30.

UCV AND DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYTIMERS Meet Thurs. Jan 28th 11am – 2pm. Dorothy Goresky will review the book “*Uppity Women*” Bag Lunch at noon. Join us if you are able.

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE is cosponsoring a benefit concert for UCV's new food and education program Our Children's Table. The concert on February 28th at 2:30 pm features the Universal Gospel Choir's toe-tapping, soul-stirring music. Tickets are \$15 (children 12 & under free) and will be available from SJC members, UGC members and after church during the month of February. For more information call 604-737-1545 or visit www.universalgospelchoir.ca.

UCV BOOK CLUB meets the first Sunday of every month. February 7, 2010: Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace One School at a Time, non-fiction, Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin. “Here [Pakistan], we drink three cups of tea; the first you are a stranger, the second you become a friend, and the third, you join our family, and for our family we are prepared to do anything—even die.”

THE UCV OUR CHILDREN'S TABLE FOOD PROGRAM Urgent Needs: (1) Donations of 400-600grams of white cheese and 500 gm. jars of non-organic Peanut Butter - place in the labeled basket in the Sanctuary foyer over the next four weeks - please make a note about this. (2) A few strong volunteers to help with distributing food items from heavy to small bags - 3 times a month – Tuesdays anytime between 8.30 a.m. and noon (3) one volunteer with a car to be called at 10.45 a.m. and to drive to pick up and deliver a food order from Oakridge Safeway from 11. a.m. to noon. Contact Laureen 604 688-0179, Co-Coordinator

TWO EXTRAORDINARY BOOKS IN THE UCV LIBRARY After hearing Steven Epperson's sermon about Rebecca Solnit's book, *A Paradise Built in Hell: The Extraordinary Communities that Arise in Disaster*, we are pleased to note that a copy is now being catalogued for your perusal. Do join the list of members who may want to check out this book that lauds the ordinary goodness and generosity of human beings. And keeping with the *extraordinary*, we have bought a copy of the much heralded book by Malalai Joya entitled *A Woman among Warlords: The Extraordinary Story of an Afghan Who Dared to Raise Her Voice*. This young female parliamentarian in Afghanistan has bravely denounced the NATO-backed warlords resulting in her suspension from government and living at risk in her own country.

UNITARIAN MUSIC CLUB Everyone is welcome to attend the Music Club's first meeting of the new year on Monday, January 25 at 7:30 in the Sanctuary. Bring a refreshment. 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.

FAMILY NIGHT SPAGHETTI DINNER Join us in Hewett Centre for the next spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, January 27th. Arrive at 5:00 if you can assist with preparations and at 6:00 for dinner. Suggested donation: \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. Bring a salad or dessert item to share. This is a delightful multi-age event, fun for both adults and children.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: a Sunday school teacher's assistant is needed for our Spirit Play program for our delightful, group of 3-8 year olds - approximately 1-2 times per month. Duties include helping with set-up, clean-up, welcoming the children and parents as they arrive, and assisting with the children as needed. Volunteer should be willing to get a criminal records check. If interested, contact Jennifer Fell, acting DRE at jennifer@vancouverunitarians.ca or 604/261-7204.

GREAT UCV WINTER BOOK BASH is scheduled for January 31st in the Alcove in Hewett Hall. The Bash will run from 9am – 1pm. Book dealers will be here at 9am so get in early for the best choices. Contribution will be accepted until Sunday Jan. 24th only. Please, no textbooks, computer books, library books, tapes, or very old, marked, torn, or smelly books. All money raised supports the Church.

BUMBLEBERRY SUNDAE AND BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY Please join the New U Committee after the service January 31, 2010 for our annual Appreciation Bumbleberry Sundae. This is also the UCV annual Bring a Friend Sunday. Sundaes are made with berries picked this past summer. Celebrate our community and friends; there will be a bumbleberry sundae for everyone! PS If you would like to join in the berry picking fun talk to Dianne Crosbie, Naomi Taylor, or Karen Bartlett.