

# A Fair Country?

**Rev. Steven Epperson**

**January 31, 2010**

**11:00 am**



image credit: Liane McLaren Varnam, *A Grimm Fairy Tale (Bill Reid's Black Canoe Wolf in Bed Eating the Story Book of Little Red Riding Hood)*

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 31, 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.*

### **In-gathering Singing with Joyce Poley**

#### **Invocation**

*Turning of the World*  
with the Chalice Choir

#### **Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours**

Rev. Steven Epperson

#### **Kindling the Chalice Flame**

#### **Opening Hymn # 354**

*We Laugh, We Cry*

#### **Story for All Ages**

*Kofi and His Magic* by Maya Angelou  
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.*

*V'la* trad. Quebecois  
arr. E. Dainow  
with the Chalice Choir

#### **Meditation, spoken then silent**

#### **Musical Response**

*North West Passage* by Stan Rogers  
arr. E. Peach/E. Dainow  
E. Dainow, Leanne Page,  
Gavin Grandish, Beth Breisnes

#### **Sermon**

*A Fair Country?*  
Rev. Steven Epperson

**Benediction/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame**

**Valediction**      *Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.  
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image credit: from an illustration by Mike Constable

**Sunday, February 7, 2010**

11:00 am Worship Service

**Moved By Faith**

Alex Winstanley & Phil Campbell

Songs from the Heart

With E. Dainow, Leanne Page

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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

*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

<b>COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS</b>	Sasha Gomery, Rupert Gomery, Sue Nath
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Radina Jerdevic
<b>LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL</b>	Karen Hobbs, Leslie Hill
<b>LUNCH</b>	n/a
<b>ORDER OF SERVICE</b>	Tara-Lee MacNiven
<b>SOUND</b>	Hans Elfert
<b>USHERS</b>	Ann Niklewicz, Lily Ha, Shirley Brunke
<b>WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE</b>	Errol McKinstry, Helen Osoba, Philomene Jahnke

### 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, Wentu Tu'ume
<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, Lindsey Udem
<b>UCV LAY CHAPLAINS</b>	Phyllis Bassett, Dan Enright Sherry King, Wayne Ulian
<b>COMMUNITY MINISTER</b>	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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## JANUARY 31, 2010

**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** Traditional Afghan lunch will be served by Farahnaz next Sunday, February 7th. And the following Sunday, 14th February, we'll offer an equally genuine Palestinian lunch. We look forward to welcoming you all!

**GREAT UCV WINTER BOOK BASH – TODAY IN THE ALCOVE IN HEWETT HALL** The bash runs until 1pm today. The selection is huge, the prices right. This is a terrific opportunity to find books to sustain you through the Olympics period and beyond. We will not be accepting donations of books this weekend. You may bring them next week for the second bash of the year, May 30. All Proceeds support this church.

**SPRING ARE COURSES** This Sunday is the big start for registering for Spring ARE Courses. If you have not looked over the offerings and signed up yet now is the time. You can do so either by calling the office or by visiting the ARE table in Hewett Hall following this week's service.

**FORUM** 12:30-1:30pm -- Fireside Room. [City Opera Vancouver](#) presentation with CD and DVD excerpts. In May City Opera will present the 15th-century Japanese masterwork Sumidagawa and the 20th-century chamber opera it inspired, Britten's immortal Curlew River. Telling one story from two cultural perspectives will provide a thrilling night of theatre - and a Canadian event first.

**BUMBLEBERRY SUNDAE AND BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY** Please join the New U Committee after the service today 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.

### UCV AND DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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](http://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."

**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 Laureen 604-688-0179 or Diana 604-569-3944.

**NEW WOMEN'S GROUP** Third Sunday of the month, beginning Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. 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

**FIRST FRIDAY FOCUS** February 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm in Budny. What is Social Media All About? With Carla McNeil. Carla will teach you about Facebook, Twitter, and more - including the strategies for getting started. How to use Facebook and Twitter in conjunction with each other. Tips on how to make your presence stand out. How to save boatloads of time and still make money

**HARMONIES FOR HAITI** On Wed, Feb. 3 at 8pm a fundraising concert called Harmonies for Haiti will take place in the UCV Sanctuary. Featuring three fabulous vocal groups: EDNA, TriVo and the Shirleys. This event will raise money for Partners in Health - an amazing organization that has been improving the lives of the people in Haiti for 20 years and is currently providing life-saving medical services to those affected by the earthquake. Tickets are \$25 or \$20 for students and seniors at the door.