

The Flight from Ambiguity: From Confucius to Copenhagen

Rev. David A. Johnson

July 4, 2010

11:00 am



The official portrait of Confucius, issued by the China Confucius Foundation over the weekend, aims to give the ancient philosopher and educator a single, recognizable identity around the world. — Xinhua

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 July 4, 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.*



"Full allegiance to a community can be given only by a person's second nature, ruling over his first and primitive nature, and treating it as not finally himself. Then the necessities of a civilized life have ceased to be alien and imposed from without. They have become one's own inner imperatives." Confucius, 8th century BCE

"Doctor, you say there are no haloes around the street lights of Paris and what I see is an aberration caused by old age, an affliction. I tell you -- it has taken me all my life to arrive at the vision of lamps as angels, to soften and blur and finally banish the edges you regret I don't see." From "Monet Refuses the Operation" by Lisel Mueller

Prelude

Minuet with Variations T. A. Arne
Air with Variations G. F. Handel
Gypsy Rondo F. J. Haydn
The Harmonious Blacksmith Variations G. F. Handel

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Opening Hymn #145

As Tranquil Streams

Story for All Ages

Walking With Henry by Thomas Locker
read by Way Kent

Let's Sing the Children Out "Go Now..."

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.*

Seven Humorous Variations
by Dmitri Kabelevsky

Meditation, spoken then silent

Musical Response

Sarabande G. F. Handel

Reading

from *The Flight from Ambiguity:
Essays in Social and Cultural Theory*
by Donald N. Levine (1985)

Sermon

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CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATION

by physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer
(1904 - 1967)

This cannot be an easy life. We shall have a rugged time of it to keep our minds open and to keep them deep; to keep our sense of beauty and our ability to create it; and our occasional ability to see it in places remote and strange and unfamiliar. We shall have a rugged time of it, all of us, in keeping these gardens in our villages; in keeping open the manifold, intricate, casual paths; to keep these flourishing in a great, open, windy world. But this, as I see it, is the condition of humanity. And in this condition we can help, because we can love, one another.

Closing Hymn #301

Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!

Benediction/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Rev. David A. Johnson*

Valediction

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

Postlude

*Our Guest Minister, Rev. Dr. David Johnson, has been a regular pulpit guest at UCV during the summers since 1990. In his first career David was a marine geologist at Scripps Institution (CA), Woods Hole (MA), and the National Science Foundation. As an ordained Unitarian minister since 1987, David served a church in Kansas for fifteen years. Since 2002 he has served as a transition consultant (interim minister) at UU churches in MI, AL, FL, IL, and GA. Beginning in September he will serve the UU Fellowship of Winston-Salem NC.

Sunday July 11, 2010

11:00 am Worship Service

Timothy Piwonka-Corle

Music: Jeannie Corsi, Jack Davidoff

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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

George Morgan, Dave Steele, Denise Swanson

FLOWERS

Chris Pearce

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Jean Stanton, Ann Foster

LUNCH

Refugee Committee (fundraising for Farahnaz)

ORDER OF SERVICE

Tara-Lee MacNiven

SOUND

Rob Taylor

USHERS

Pat Johnson, Patricia Startin, Marg Fletcher

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

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

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Stan Clarke

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ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER

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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

Our regular religious education classes for children of all ages will resume in September. During the summer months, children in church are invited to participate in arts and crafts with childcare staff. Following the story for all ages, please head down to Parker on the lower floor of Hewett Centre.

ART IN THE CHURCH Artist June Wells "A Traveler's Eye" – Impressions of the Arctic, Tibet and other places. Oils, water colours and pastels.

UCV AND DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPAGHETTI DINNER Our monthly family and community spaghetti dinners are scheduled for the summer months for Wednesday July 21st and Wednesday August 18th. Please join us in Hewett Centre at 5:00pm if you're able to help with preparations and at 6:00 for dinner. Potluck salad and dessert.

ATTENTION NONPROFIT GROUPS The Thrift Sale Committee invites you to send gleaners during the summer to select any items you can use that we are not putting on sale in our summer sale departments. For more information, please contact Dianne Crosbie, dcrosbie@uniserve.com 604 876 6543

BABYSITTING IN A DAY is an interactive and fun course that teaches youth aged 11 to 15 years the business of babysitting. Learn the responsibilities of a babysitter, how to get along and care for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and school-aged children, and how to handle emergencies and provide first aid. Cost: \$55 (includes the Canadian Red Cross Babysitter's Manual & Babysitter's participation card). Courses: Wed. July 7; Tues. July 13; Wed. July 21; Thurs. July 29; Thurs. August 5; Tues. August 10; & Wed. August 18, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm @ St. Andrew's United Church, 1044 St. Georges & 11th in North Vancouver. Info/registration: Please contact Sean Brennan at 604-985-0408 or email office@st-andrews-united.ca

SUMMER SUNDAY THRIFT SALES START JULY 11TH Classy Clothes, Treasure Trove and Electrical departments will be open for sales on July 11th, and Books go on sale in August. We will be accepting donations at the end of June, when rooms become available for our "boutiques". More details are in the July Newsletter, and on the UCV website. Sorting begins on Tuesday afternoons, starting on July 6th and Thursday evenings, starting July 8th. We are also looking for help on Monday, July 5th at 6 p.m. to bring clothing racks and other display fixtures upstairs from the church basement. To sign up as a volunteer, or for more information, contact Denise Nereida, djaynereida@hotmail.com 604 731 7630, Dianne Crosbie, dcrosbie@uniserve.com 604 876 6543, Julie Cowie, gibson120@shaw.ca 604 267 1627

SOS In desperate need of housing for young 40 year old male. Excellent references. With questions contact Ruth Shaw of "Make a Difference" 604-267-2758

JUNE 11 MUSICIANS We are pleased to announce that violinist Jack Davidoff will be joining with pianist Jeannie Corsi to perform the music at our next worship service, Sunday, July 11. Jack is a new immigrant from England where he is well known. Welcome, Jack!