

**Ostara - Spring Equinox**  
**UCV Pagan Group**  
**March 14, 2010**  
**11:00 am**



The Greek grain goddess Demeter enthroned, with her daughter Persephone.  
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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

March 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**

*Marimbas Improvisation*  
by Russell Shumsky

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

Huguette Sansonnet

### **Kindling the Chalice Flame**

### **Opening Hymn # 361**

*Enter, Rejoice & Come In*

### **Story for All Ages**

*The Most Powerful Thing*  
by Nan Gregory

### **Chant #387**

*The Earth, The Water, The Fire, The Air*

### **Procession to wake up the Four Elements**

led by Sheldon Reddekopp

**Air/East**

Vi Pilar/Duncan Graham

**Fire/South**

Virginia Crabill/Anthony Roper

**Water/West**

Julia Myers/Reed Harris

**Earth/North**

Doug Ennenberg/Maddy Michaels

### **Waking Up Persephone**

Song

### **Persephone Responds**

April Desilets

### **Seed Communion**

Children distribute seeds and then return to front of church

*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.*

*Hand Drum and Didgeridoo Improvisation*  
by Russell Shumsky

**Meditation, spoken then silent**

Alex MacQueen

**Musical Response**

*Bodhran Improvisation*  
by Russell Shumsky

**Homily**

*Radish Acts of Kindness and Sweetpea Acts of Beauty*  
Mary Bennett

**Thank you and Goodbye to the 4 elements**

**Closing Hymn # 74**

*On the Dusty Earth Drum*

**Closing Words**

*Beginners* by Denise Levertov  
read by tommy Fielding

**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.*

**Thank you to Wendy Heckert for décor and costumes.**

The UCV Pagan Group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays @ 7:30pm. The group usually leads a Samhain (Hallowe'en) and Yule (Winter Solstice) ritual as well as the Ostara Service. For more information contact Pagan Committee Chair [huguettesansonnet@aol.com](mailto:huguettesansonnet@aol.com).

**Sunday, March 21, 2010**

11:00 am Worship Service

**Sustaining UCV in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Century**

Rev. Steven Epperson

Chalice Choir; E. Dainow plays Minuets!

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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**

Ann Foster, Judy Villett, Judy Holmes

**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**

Jane Sutherland, Mark Brunke, Shirley Brunke

### 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.**

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**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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## MARCH 14, 2010

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS TODAY

0 - 3 years - Childcare room (upstairs in Hewett Centre)

3 - 8 years - children are in church today for the first 2/3's of the service. For the last 1/3, they are invited to join us in the fireside room for circle dancing.

9 - 12 years - the intermediate group is in church today for the first 2/3's of the service. For the last 1/3, they are invited to join us in the fireside room to learn circle dancing.

13- 19 years - the youth are in church today. Any youth who wishes to join in with circle dancing in the fireside room is certainly welcome to do so.

**ART IN THE CHURCH** March 3<sup>rd</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup> “March to Spring” Collective works from the “Art Studios” of Vancouver Coastal Health in the Sanctuary and the Fireside Room. Mixed Media.

**REFUGEE COMMITTEE** We're serving an Italian-style lunch today (lasagna, for carnivores and veggies) followed by an Arab dessert. Next Sunday, the newly-arrived Palestinian family will be making lunch for us.

**FORUM TODAY** 12:30 Fireside Room .Health Care for Seniors. Are you concerned about the future of health care particularly as it relates to seniors' issues? Is there anyone who isn't? Come hear Alice Edge, a retired nurse & union worker from the BC Health Coalition, speak on how the Coalition is working to improve care for seniors & what you as an individual can do right now to improve the situation.

### UCV AND DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PASSOVER SEDER** Community 3<sup>rd</sup> Seder April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30p.m. at the Peretz Centre (6184 Ash St.) \$36/person. Reservations required. Call 325-1812 or speak to Elliot Dainow for details.

**UCV'S OUR CHILDREN'S TABLE** There will be a basket in the sanctuary foyer until June 6th for your cheese donations. Thank you. We've had just enough to send each family home with cheese twice a month. We also welcome gifts of lightly used infant and children's clothes, books, safe sensible games and equipment for our Tuesday exchange. There is presently a big red wooden box labeled *Children's books, educational toys and clean clothes for Our Children's Table* in the north corridor of Hewett Hall. You are welcome to deposit those items in the box anytime you visit the Hall. Thank you, Laureen & Diana 604-569-3944.

**COLLAGE WORKSHOP** Mary Bennett will facilitate the workshop offered through the Services auction on Sat. April 3 1-4pm. Mary provides all materials. If you have something special you want to use, bring it along. Still space for 4 more participants by donation to UCV \$10. [unitarianmary@telus.net](mailto:unitarianmary@telus.net) 604-732-1455 marybennett.net

**BEACON'S SPRING FLING** Community Dance for all ages. Sat, March 20, 6:30pm-9pm at Sapperton Pensioners' Hall, 318 Keary, New West. A great place to have fun and enjoy. All Ages! Beacon's new meeting space has a wonderful hardwood floor! Come help us try it out! Dances taught by Beacon's Carol Becken. Or just come to watch and socialize. Tickets: \$10 per adult, \$5 per child. Families pay a max. of \$25. Need a ride? Childcare? Contact: Sue Sparlin [sue.sparlin@shaw.ca](mailto:sue.sparlin@shaw.ca) or Carol Becken [carol-becken@hotmail.com](mailto:carol-becken@hotmail.com) for tickets or more info.

**"THE COLOURS OF DYSTOPIA"** Alexander Winstanley's beautiful bilingual book of poetry, is fresh off the press! All are welcome to the celebration and book signing in the Hewett Hall on March 26 from 7-10 pm. There will be refreshments, music, and poetry.

**UCV BOOK CLUB** meets first Sundays at 12:30 pm. All welcome. Books: 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.

**2010-2011 CANVASS** The Unitarian Church of Vancouver has persisted and grown over 100 years only through the determination of hundreds of amazing men and women. We have an opportunity this year to make history at the UCV: balancing our budget and finally eliminating our deficit! Our goal is \$400,000 in pledges, which we can reach with just a 10% increase in pledges. Please pledge as generously as you can on March 21<sup>st</sup>, March 28<sup>th</sup>, or April 4<sup>th</sup> (in Lindsey Priestly room after the service). Every dedicated pledge and personal effort makes a difference.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** time again! Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in Hewett Centre for our monthly family spaghetti dinner with potluck salad and dessert. Suggested donation of \$5.00 per person and \$10.00 per family. Plan to arrive at 5:00 if you are able to help with preparations, and at 6:00 for dinner. This is a delightful evening for adults and children of all ages.