

Flower Communion and Mothers' Day

Rev. Steven Epperson

May 9, 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 May 9, 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

Arabesque; Romance; Flower Piece
by R. Schumann
E. Dainow, piano

Invocation

Oh, Give Us Pleasure in the Flowers Today
words by Robert Frost (1875-1963)
music by Cyril V. Taylor (1907-1991)
with the Chalice Choir

Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours

Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Opening Hymn # 338

I Seek the Spirit of a Child

UCV Teacher Recognition

Tracy Carruthers
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Alexandra Henriques

Angelina Marra
Theresa Marion
Betsy Neily
Patricia Parkes

Sheldon Reddekopp
Adnan Uzunovic
Nancy Woodham
Jenny Young

Story for All Ages

I Love You the Purplest
by Barbara M. Joose
read by Rev. Steven Epperson

We welcome our children and youth to today's service

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.*

Mother, You Are A Miracle
written and performed by Robyn McCorquodale*

Meditation, spoken then silent

Rev. Steven Epperson

Anthem

Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One
Song of Solomon, music by Healey Willan (1880-1968)
with the Chalice Choir

Sermon

Mothers' Day and Flower Communion
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Closing Hymn #355

We Lift Our Hearts in Thanks

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.

* Robyn McCorquodale is a Vancouver-based singer, pianist, song writer and international performer, who entertains audiences in Vancouver and New York City in between engagements as a Headlining Act onboard luxury cruise ships touring all seven continents. Her new CD, *Connected*, is a collection of self-penned positive pop songs embracing empowering and inspiring lyrics that celebrate unity, life, love and conscious living. Visit <http://www.robynsong.com> for more information.

Flower Communion and Prayer

From words by Norbert Capek

SE: In the name of that which plants in the seed the future of the flower and in our hearts the longing for people to live in harmony

Congregation: *In the name of the sages, the wise and noble women and men who lived their lives in order to hasten the coming of justice and peace – let us renew our resolution, sincerely, to be brothers and sisters.*

SE: In this our holy resolve, may we be strengthened in the spirit of affection and fellowship so that...

All: *TOGETHER, we may endeavour to achieve a more just and joyful life.*

Sunday, May 9, 2010

11:00 am Worship Service

Wake Now, My Vision of Ministry Clear

Rev. Meg Roberts

In-gathering singing with Joyce Poley

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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 Ctte

ORDER OF SERVICE

Tara-Lee MacNiven

SOUND

Galen Elfert

USHERS

Margo Elfert, Velia Laval, Denise Nereida

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Jane Sutherland, Dave Cook, Donna Cook

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, Wenta Tu'ume, Bruce Murray

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

0-4 years – childcare is available in the childcare room upstairs

Today's Mothers' Day service is an intergenerational service, and children and youth of all ages are invited to remain in the Sanctuary.

ART IN THE CHURCH Exhibit: May 4 –May 30. "Mytho Muse" Paintings Portray Sculptures. www.suzybirstein.com Suzy's vision merges the power of Queen Nefertitti with the spirit of Carmen Miranda.

REFUGEE COMMITTEE MOTHERS DAY SPECIALS The Palestinian community is making a special lunch for us today, and cttee members are selling tickets to Agatha Christie's "*And Then There Were None*," specially performed for us on Tuesday, May 11, at the Metro Theatre.

FORUM TODAY Social Justice Cttee *Campaign for a National Housing Program*. The Housing and Homelessness Action Group of the SJ Cttee invites you to a discussion and workshop on making UCV a significant force in the quest for a National Housing Program. Bill C-304, the "Secure, Adequate, Accessible and Affordable Housing Act," is currently before Parliament. It has the support of all three opposition parties. Join us for a productive hour of information, strategizing and letter writing.

IF YOU CAN OFFER A RIDE (or if you are in need of a ride) to the CUC-ACM in Victoria, May 22-24, please leave your name with Jeannie Corsi (nichorsi@interchange.ubc.ca).

BILLETS ARE AVAILABLE in the homes of Victoria Unitarians for those attending the CUC-ACM which is being held at U.Vic., May 21-24. To request a billet please e-mail Pat McMahan at pmcmahon@shaw.ca

ATTENTION ALL BOOK LOVERS The last Book Bash before August takes place on Sunday May 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Hewett Hall. We gratefully accept contributions until May 23rd. No tattered, stained or smelly books please, no Readers Digest, magazines, computer or text books. Anyone wishing to help out on Friday May 28 or Saturday May 29 contact Leslie Hill - 604 321-7175.

UCV BOOK CLUB meets first Sunday of month at 12:30 pm. All welcome. Books: June 6, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, F, Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows.

VOLUNTEER WITH TRUCK NEEDED The office is looking for one or two volunteers with a truck to move two bookshelves from a storage unit to the church. If you are able to help, please contact Tamara or Tara in the office 604.261.7204