

May Our Garden Grow

Grant Watson and Rev. Steven Epperson

May 1, 2011

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 1, 2011

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	<i>Ship Inn Reel/Bridgett's Reel</i> Emile Benoit <i>Banks of the Seaway</i> David Francey <i>Red-Winged Blackbird</i> David Francey <i>Breathing August</i> Jane Slemon with ErRatica*
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours	Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame	
Opening Hymn #207	<i>Earth Was Given as a Garden</i>
Children's Story	<i>On Meadowview Street</i> Henry Cole read by Rev. Steven Epperson
	<i>Let's Sing the Children Out "Go Now..."</i>
Welcome and Announcements	Board member
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns	Board member
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offering and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Inchworm / Garden Song</i> Hans Christian Anderson/David Mallett with ErRatica
Meditation, Spoken then Silent	Joe Cherry
Musical Response	<i>Spring Wind</i> Greg Brown with ErRatica
Remarks	<i>Local Sustainable Food, What Does it Really Mean?</i> Grant Watson <i>May Our Gardens Grow</i> Rev. Steven Epperson

Closing Hymn #163

For the Earth Forever Turning

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.*

Postlude

All God's Critters Bill Staines
Music For a Found Harmonium trad.
with ErRatica

*ErRatica—Don Davidson, Bernard Gobin, Cameron Stewart, and Jane Slemon—thinks of the musical UCV crowd as the Tunitarians; “masters of quarrel singing,” these four alpha dogs bring you heavy mettle folk chops. Playing around town at weddings, parties, and various concerts, their 2010 CD, *We Sail on a Notion*, is for sale by the band members.



27th August 1948: Mr. and Mrs. John Hodder at work in their allotment in Fulham, London.
Photo by William Vanderson

Sunday, May 8, 2011

11:00 am Worship Service

Mothers' Day & Flower Communion

Rev. Steven Epperson and Joe Cherry

lunch: Refugee Ctte

music: UCV Chalice Choir

Please remember that 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 (when facing the front): 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, Catherine Stewart, Mike Curtis
FLOWERS	Chris Pearce
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL	Jean Stanton, Ann Foster
LUNCH	Refugee Ctte (Palestinians)
ORDER OF SERVICE	Tara-Lee MacNiven
SOUND	Rob Taylor
USHERS	Pat Johnson, Mark Fletcher, Diane Brown, John Omielan
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Nancy Barker, Robert Schultz, Naomi Taylor

STAFF

PARISH MINISTER	Rev. Steven Epperson
INTERN MINISTER	Joe Cherry
COMMUNITY MINISTER	Rev. Laura Imayoshi
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Donna Brown
MUSIC ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER	Elliott Dainow
D.R.E.	Cristin Lee
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, John Omielan Anthony Roper, Robert Schultz
UCV LAY CHAPLAINS	Phyllis Bassett, Dan Enright Sherry King, Wayne Ulian

*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 PROGRAM

0 – 3 years: Tiny Tales will meet upstairs in the Cloud room.

3 – 6 years: Spirit Play will meet downstairs in the Rainbow room

7 – 8 years: Celebrating Rainforests will meet downstairs in the Star room.

9 – 12 years: Traditions With a Wink will meet upstairs in the Sun room.

Youth: SWDYT? Will meet downstairs in the Moon room.

ART IN THE CHURCH AND FIRESIDE April 27th – May 29th 2011. Vancouver Coastal Health Studios group show. Mixed media.

UCV AND DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1ST ANNUAL GROUNDS DAY What should you wear and what should bring for UCV's 1st Annual Grounds Day on Sunday, May 15th? Wear gardening clothes and bring a trowel, a rake, a pitchfork or a shovel if you have one. See Head Gardener Patti Turner with any questions. "Come, come..." everyone of all ages in our congregation!

ALAN MORINIS will speak on Sunday morning May 22 about the Mussar tradition, a practical teaching system for personal growth and spirituality in the midst of daily life. Simply put, learn how to be a "mensch" or an "extraordinary ordinary person." He addressed us in March 2009 to great acclaim. For more info see Elliott.

MEN PLEASE HELP! DAMS for women is a non-profit association in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. We are seeking men willing to work with an outreach team. If you are able to walk for a few hours and would like to get involved in direct, front-line volunteer work, this is a great opportunity. Please contact Rev. Laura Imayoshi, our affiliated community minister at 778-319-3267. Thank you!

NEW WOMEN'S GROUP is searching for new members. Women of all ages are welcome. Next meeting is April 24th in Budny. Call 604 261 7022 for more info.

UCV BOOK CLUB May 15, *The Value of Nothing*. by Raj Patel, Rob Dainow to facilitate. June 19 *Pilgrim* by Timothy Findley (Gail Lyons to facilitate.)

THE CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEETING is being held in Toronto from May 20th to 23rd this year. Our church is able to send up to 9 delegates to that meeting to vote on national Unitarian business; all who attend participate in workshops, worship, and make or renew connections with Unitarians across the country. We need one more member for our delegation, please contact a UCV Board member. —Timothy McCormick

NEW UCV MEMBERS “New Member Breakfast” on May 8 at 9:30 AM. We welcome all who has attended “New U in a Day” and want to become a UCV member. Rev. Steven Epperson will witness the signing of the Membership Book. May 15 during the worship service, there will be a short recognition ceremony to welcome new members. Call Dianne Crosbie, 604 876 6543 for more info.

UNITARIAN SOCIAL GROUP Come out to eat and socialize with fellow Unitarians. All ages are welcome. Our next gathering will be on Saturday, May 14th at 6:00 pm at the Hewett Centre of UCV. It is a potluck, so please bring some food to share. No theme planned. Let's just relax and socialize! Contact Eva Perjes 604-873-0770 for more information.

NEW PHOTOS FOR UCV WEBSITE. On Sunday May 8th &/or 15th, Jon Rait will be taking photos of the church and the congregation some of which will be posted on the church website. If you do not wish to be included in any of the photos, please contact Dianne Crosbie, dcrosbie@uniserve.com

THE OAK STREET FARMERS' MARKET (OSFM) an initiative of UCV, will launch on June 1, 2011 as the first farmers' market in South Vancouver. The OSFM's goals are to offer local, organic foods to the community; to play a role in re-building a local food system for the South Vancouver area and to create a place for neighbours to congregate and celebrate life and great food. The market will be held every Wednesday from 3pm to 7pm beginning June 1, 2011.

We would appreciate input from you, as a member of the UCV community and a potential customer of our brand-new market. Please take a moment to fill out this short online survey, and tell us how the market can best suit your needs:

<http://www.oakstreetmarket.ca> (click on: ‘Your Input Needed’). Hard copies of the survey will be available in the Order of Service on Sunday.

2011 TOUR OF TRANSYLVANIA, ROMANIA Last call for participants in our September 2011 tour of Transylvania, Romania with our Minister Emeritus, Phillip Hewett who has been there 8 times. We will start September 18 in Budapest and continue on to visit our partner church in Brasso, Romania then tour the painted monasteries among other wonderful sites in Romania. Contact Mary Lage if you are interested. mlage@shaw.ca or 604 435 9265

LOST Description of Harold Douglas Brown and his work in a small gold frame which was hanging beside his portrait in the Fireside rm. Please return to the office when found. Chris Pearce Arts Ctte.

OTHER EVENTS

PILGRIMAGE TODAY Please join us for the fourth Pilgrimage to Burns Bog. A protest camp has been set up to disrupt Gateway construction. The protesters may join us. We will have wonderful brief speeches and performances. We will carpool from the church parking lot after today's service. Look for someone in an orange vest. Free bag lunches for those going. Arrive before 1:20 at Quizno's (640 Chester) on Annacis Island and get early bird chocolate. For more info:

<http://www.pilgrimage2burnsbog.org/>

BENEFIT PERFORMANCE HAUNTED A BRITISH COMEDY BY ERIC CHAPPELL

Wednesday, May 18 At 8 P.M. All seats \$15.00 Metro Theatre: 1370 SW Marine Drive, Vancouver. All proceeds to: Refugee Committee of The Unitarian Church of Vancouver and the Hummingbird Grannies, part of the Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign for the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Fiona Graham. Burnaby Online 604-760-2093 Burnaby, BC

I Will Hatch!

As I watch a pair of birds building a nest outside my window, the ominous sounds of the conflict in Libya blares from my television. My year as a grade two student rushes into my memory and I hear my teacher's voice reciting a Shel Silverstein poem:

I Won't Hatch

Oh I am a chickie who lives in an egg,
But I will not hatch, I will not hatch.
The hens they all cackle, the roosters all beg,
But I will not hatch, I will not hatch.
For I hear all the talk of pollution and war
As the people all shout and the airplanes roar,
So I'm staying in here where it's safe and it's warm,
And I WILL NOT HATCH!

Sometimes I worry about our kids, our chickies, as they make their way in the world today, and I would not blame them if they made the choice to stay in their "eggs." I want to commend a group of young people who have determined that although there is pollution and more than talk of war, they will hatch because they want to soar. They want to fly into the world, tackle its challenges and offer their gifts where they can; they want to start by hitching a ride to CUC's AGM.

This year, CUC's CanUUdle, the Annual National Youth Social and Business Conference is titled BUUrst Forward. BUUrst Forward "is all about looking out and ahead, laying the foundation for talk about the future of ourselves, our movement and our world, while looking back at where we've come from to get this far."

So, in celebration of our youth and their choice to hatch, I welcome you to support them as they take flight to Toronto in May. Buy lunch during their May fundraiser (May 15) and if you still feel like you want to do more, send a donation to the youth group CanUUdle fund. When you see them around on any given Sunday, thank them for taking the challenge and wish them many blessings as they prepare to BUUrst forward this Spring!

Cristin Lee,
Director of Child & Youth Religious Education