

UCV's Water Ceremony: Say It With Water

Rev. Steven Epperson

September 11, 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 September 11, 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

The Water is Wide (variations) trad.
Arr. E. Dainow
E. Dainow, piano

Invocation

Come, Come Whoever You Are
with the Chalice Choir

Opening Words/ Greeting Our Neighbours

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Opening Hymn #361

Enter, Rejoice and Come In

Litany

A New Year at UCV Begins

Minister: Now let us announce and welcome the beginning of the 2010-11 church year. We proclaim that with this day, a new year in the history of our community begins.

Congregation: *The blessings of this religious community are open to all, young and old.*

Minister: Grace, beauty, compassion, spirit and justice can be present in the everyday – here and now - in the acts of service we share with one another, in the steps we take together in spirit, mind and heart.

Congregation: *With patience, reason, imagination, and good will, we can move out from this sanctuary and help make the world more kind, thoughtful, and just.*

Minister: We are here only for a brief time to dearly love life and to make a difference for good in our homes, schools, places of work, and in the community beyond.

Congregation: *The whole world may move toward restoration when we love, care, and learn from each other.*

All: *It is never too late to begin again. Let's do it here and now. So be it.*

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.*

The Water is Wide
arr. Miles Ramsey and E. Dainow
E. Dainow, voice and piano

Meditation spoken then silent

Rev. Steven Epperson, with UCV Youth

Anthem

River in Judea L. Marcus and J. Feldman
arr. J. Leavitt
with the Chalice Choir

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Closing Hymn #295

Sing Out Praises For the Journey

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*

Sunday Sept 18, 2011
11:00 am Worship Service
Two Young Heroes
Rev. Steven Epperson
music with E. Dainow

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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, John Smith

FLOWERS

Lorraine Calame

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Elizabeth Murdoch, Lindsay Udem

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Tara-Lee MacNiven

SOUND

Galen Elfert

USHERS

Margo Elfert, Denise Nereida, Catherine Hembling

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Helen Osoba, Karen Hobbs, Dianne Crosbie

STAFF

PARISH MINISTER

Rev. Steven Epperson

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Virginia Crabill, John Omielan

Anthony Roper, Robert Schultz

Phyllis Bassett, Dan Enright

Sherry King, Wayne Ulian

UCV LAY CHAPLAINS

*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

Classes are on break for the summer holiday. They will resume September 18, 2011. In the meantime, child care is available during the service in the Rainbow Room (Parker) in Hewett Centre. Parents and/or guardians who wish to access this service will need to take their children downstairs after the story for all ages and sign them in with our child care workers. The children will then need to be picked up by the person who signed them in directly after the church service.

ART IN THE SANCTUARY Doris Friedich and Maud van Breeman: "Spaces"
Interpretations through photography, painting and mixed media

ARTS MEETING in Castellio, 12:30pm All are welcome!

UCV AND DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BILL MOUNTAIN (MAY 1, 1939 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2011) Bill passed away six weeks after being diagnosed with untreatable liver cancer. Steven Epperson will conduct a memorial service. Date and time will be announced at <http://trafifth.wordpress.com/bill-mountain/> or contact Mary Bennett maryinvancouver@gmail.com 604-732-1455.

TINA SANTING, former UCV member and founding member of Beacon Unitarian Church, recently passed away. A memorial service will be held in our sanctuary on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 1:00 pm. Contact Joyce Poley for further details.

UCV BOOK CLUB meets third Sundays at 12:30 p.m. after church services and commences Sunday, September 18 in Lindsey-Priestley, in discussion of *Nomad*, by Ayaan Hirsi Ali, timely non-fiction. The book for October 16 is *Protest Diablo*, quick read, non-fiction, one copy available in the UCV library. All welcome.

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE can no longer accept any donations of books for the Book Bash until the beginning of October. We have no more space to store them.

THE 14TH ANNUAL VANCOUVER ISLAND UNITARIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT will be held at Bethlehem Retreat Centre in Nanaimo, BC on the weekend of September 16-18, 2011. The cost for the weekend is \$225.00 before August 19 or \$240.00 after this date. Space is limited. The featured workshop will be "Opening Our Hearts Through Story" led by storyteller Margaret Murphy from Nanaimo. For further information or to request a registration form please email Janice at tjhocking@shaw.ca or Patricia at phofstrand@shaw.ca phone 250-390-1332.



PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR FARMERS' MARKET, AND SPREAD THE WORD!

Every Wednesday, 3-7 pm in the UCV parking lot. The Oak Street Farmers' Market at UCV provides fresh, local, all-organic produce, meat, and eggs; wild-caught fish, and other delicious treats. Live music! Kid's Garden! Check out our website <http://www.oakstreetmarket.ca> for the weekly list of vendors, and more.

And now you can watch the Opening Ceremony video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CE9YcCCrFtE>.

Buy local! Support our farmers, sustainable food production, and UCV! Every new customer helps the market survive and thrive!

MEDITATION GROUP There will be sessions in the Meditation Rm during the summer. Time will be extended to 12:45 – 1:30pm still on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. Questions? Contact Phil Campbell or Don Fox. Please, if you come late or leave early, enter and leave quietly.

HEY-U-MEN Oct. 14-16 Retreat: A great chance to meet god, and he's big, hairy and gentle. Go online to heyuu.ca for more information.



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