

## *Giving Thanks*

Rev. Steven Epperson  
and members of our congregation

– October 9, 2016 –

# UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

October 9, 2016

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.



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*The prelude helps to create a spirit for shared celebration and worship.  
Please refrain from conversing and please turn off your cell phones.*

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**Prelude**

Jewish Liturgical Melodies\* trad.  
E. Dainow, piano

**Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours**

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Kindling the Chalice Flame**

**Opening Hymn #349**

*We Gather Together*

**Story for All Ages**

read by Rev. Steven Epperson

Let's Sing the Children Out "*Go now...*"

**Welcome and Announcements**

Diane Brown

**Reading from the Book of  
Celebrations and Concerns**

Diane Brown

**Offering:** *We deeply appreciate  
your presence here, your offerings  
and the gifts you share.*

*i thank you god* e.e.cummings / E. Elgar  
played & arranged by E. Dainow, piano

**Meditation, Spoken then Silent**

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Musical Response**

*We Give Thanks* composed by Wendy Luella Perkins  
performed by E. Dainow

## *Giving Thanks*

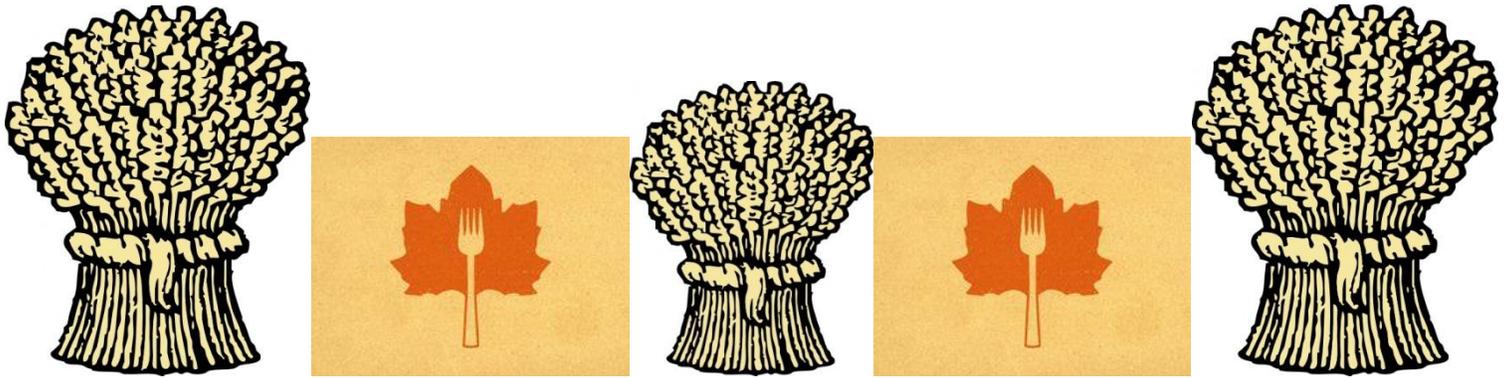
Rev. Steven Epperson

with Liam Bomford-Moore, Merva Cottle, Vivian Davidson, Hans Elfert, Nazmiye Gurbuz

**Closing Words/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.*

\*The High Holy Days began last Monday and continue until this Wednesday so it is fitting to play this music which I have been participating in as part of the Synagogue Beth Israel Choir. –Elliott



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**Next Sunday Service: October 16, 2016, 11 am**

***Making Outreach Real***

**Rev. Steven Epperson**

**and recipients of UCV Outreach Opportunities Grants**

(Raise the Rates, Single Mother's Alliance, Kinbrace and Ravin Trust)

the Chalice Choir sings

The seats in the rear of the church are ***reserved***:  
(when facing the front) *left side for parents with babies or small children in childcare, and right side for persons in wheelchairs*

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[ucvevents@gmail.com](mailto:ucvevents@gmail.com) Please include your name.

## ***UCV 2016-17 Vision Process and Timeline:***

The Vision process aims to involve as many members of the congregation as possible—it needs to be a shared undertaking, empowering congregants both through engagement in the process and ownership in its outcome. The Taskforce creates and facilitates a process that will be inclusive, participatory and transformational.

### **Timeline:**

- ★1. Summer 2016—UCV Board creates the Vision Taskforce; its members meet to agree on the purpose and scope of the Vision process, and to create and schedule Vision events.
2. September-October 2016
  - ★a) Forum, September 18
  - ★b) Children's RE activity, September 25
  - ★c) Vision worship service, October 2 (*We had a fabulous response. Thank-you!*)
  - d) Vision oriented Messy Church, October 14
  - e) Other events/media, eg: online surveys, etc
3. November 2016—Vision Taskforce drafts a Vision Statement with initial priorities arising from collected information; it shares the draft Statement with the congregation and invites further reflection/response
4. January 2017—all responses in for final Taskforce review. Taskforce works up final draft of Vision and priorities list.
5. February 2017—Vision statement sent out to congregation.
6. March 2017— Celebration Gathering and vote by congregation to accept Vision Statement.
7. April 2017—Taskforce meets with the UCV Board of Trustees, reviews outcomes and decides on next steps and implementation.



### **HOW WE'RE CHANGING THE WORLD!**

The Green Fund, administered by the UCV Environment Committee, has helped to reduce GHGs at UCV, supporting energy saving initiatives of the UCV Buildings and Grounds Ctte.

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**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:** Childcare is available free for the younger ones (aged three and under) in Servetus Room on the main floor of Hewett Centre.

**ART THIS MONTH:** Sept 1 – Oct 16, Kickstart group show.

## **BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY RELATED TO TODAY'S SERVICE**

- *The Gift of Thanks* by Margaret Visser, (Spine label 179.9 /Vis)
- *A Grateful Heart: Daily Blessings for the Evening Meal* by M.J. Ryan (291.4 /Rya)
- *The Power of Giving* by Jamal and Harvey McKinnon
- *Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We're in without Going Crazy* by Joanna Macy & Chris Johnstone

## **GIVING THANKS, SHARING FOOD. THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE!**

The children will be collecting your healthy non-perishable food donations before and after the services beginning on Thanksgiving, October 9th through the following Sunday, October 16th. Food donations are at an all-time low right now, but the need is not. We are aware that there are many problems with our food distribution system in Canada, and food banks are only a band-aid for a larger problem of access to good nutrition. We as a nation can do better. As a congregation please let us do what we can to support people in need now and work towards a more generous and humane solution to hunger.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SHORTER PRELUDE MUSIC ON SUNDAY MORNINGS—FROM REV. STEVEN EPPERSON AND ELLIOTT DAINOW:** Most churches - Unitarian or otherwise - have a prelude consisting of a single piece, or a couple of short pieces. Elliott polled music directors of UU churches across the country and got several replies that confirm this. We have had a long and very unusual tradition of a 15-minute prelude, but given what we have learned about standard practice, the heavy load this puts on Elliott and our musicians weekly, and a desire to reduce the music budget, we have decided to shorten the prelude. Elliott will still try to play more than just a 3-minute piece and will encourage others to do likewise, but the length of the music will vary.



## **CELEBRATE OKTOBERFEST WITH FRIENDS!**

OCTOBER Movable Feast will be:

Saturday Oct. 29, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Alpen Club 4875 Victoria Dr. (Victoria & 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave.) German cuisine.

RSVP to Karen Bartlett or Dianne Crosbie

[Karen.bartlett@ubc.ca](mailto:Karen.bartlett@ubc.ca) or [dcrosbie@uniserve.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com)

## LATE GREAT ADDITION TO ADULT RE (AND IT'S FREE!)

*Awareness Through Movement (Feldenkrais)*



*We've had a wonderful response! This class is now full. We will be glad to put your name on a waiting list in case an opening arises.*

Instructor: Janet Willson

Fireside room, Mondays (starting Oct 17<sup>th</sup> for 6 sessions) 2:30 – 3:30 pm, limited to 10 people.

Come dressed in loose, soft clothing.

For more info: [rev@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:rev@vancouverunitarians.ca)

## REMINDER ABOUT UCV NOMINATING PROCESS & UCV BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

The Nominating Committee shall deliver to the membership a slate of recommended nominations (the “Nominating Committee Slate”) at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Nominating Committee Slate shall be delivered to the membership by mail, courier, e-mail, other electronic means or in person pursuant to procedures established by the Board.

1. *Members may make additional nominations for officers or members at large by preparing a petition for each nomination (a “Nomination Petition”).*
2. *A Nomination Petition shall:*
  - *be signed by not fewer than ten (10) voting members in good standing,*
  - *include the written consent of the nominee, and*
  - *be filed with the chair of the Nominating Committee at least twenty-two (22) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.*
3. The Nominating Committee shall deliver to the Secretary at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting a report of the Nominating Committee Slate and all nominations duly made by petition (the “Nominating Committee Report”).

The deadline for nomination petitions for congregants is **October 22**. Please send petitions to me. My e-mail is prominently posted on the bulletin board in the Hall.

Cheers, Patti Turner on behalf of the Nominating Committee

**THE OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY FUND (OOF)** is looking for two new members. We have four short meetings a year to discuss which community groups we allocate funds to from the Sunday offerings. If you are a UCV member and interested, please respond to [mlage@shaw.ca](mailto:mlage@shaw.ca) or [oof@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:oof@vancouverunitarians.ca)

**CANCELLED:** Due to low registration, Tues. Theology class with Rev. Epperson is cancelled.

**ARTS CTTE** meeting on Oct 16 in the Family room at 12.30 pm. All welcome!

## COFFEEHOUSE WITH VISION!

Messy Church MAKE Dinner

October 14th, 6—9 pm

We are bringing back the Coffeehouse with Jane Slemon, MC. Bring your songs, talent, poetry, storytelling, what have you! But most importantly bring yourself, family, and friends. Last spring we enjoyed performances from people ages 4 to 77. There truly is a spot for everyone on our stage. Along with entertaining each other there will be informal opportunity to record your thoughts and feelings for the new Vision and action plan for UCV.

**THANKSGIVING POTLUCK DINNER:** Monday, October 10. Mary Bennett and Virginia Crabill would like to organize a potluck Thanksgiving dinner at Mary's co-op (5th & Trafalgar). If you're interested contact [maryinvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:maryinvancouver@gmail.com) or [inari47@gmail.com](mailto:inari47@gmail.com) to contribute and to get more details.

We'll include a "mathom" exchange - i.e. free swap meet - to celebrate our abundance. Leftovers will be donated to Refugee Committee.

**THE UCV THIRD SUNDAY BOOK GROUP** will meet on Sunday October 16 at 12:30 in Lindsey-Priestley to discuss Moshin Hamid's novel *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*, a clever and provocative fable about love and betrayal in the the post 9/11 world. All welcome.

**BOOK BASH!** The library committee is having its next Book Bash on October 30 and we welcome all donations of gently used books. Please bring any donations to the library, any Sunday between noon and 1 pm.

**ATTENTION ALL UCV GROUPS LOOKING TO RAISE FUNDS:** Most first Sundays are still open for hosting UCV lunch fundraisers after the Sunday service. First Sundays also offer 'theme of the month' seasonal lunch ideas, such as Fall Harvest or Diwali. To book your lunch fundraiser, please contact Ben Hechter [bhechter@yahoo.com](mailto:bhechter@yahoo.com).

**FEEDBACK:** We always welcome feedback on our worship services: [worship@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:worship@vancouverunitarians.ca). Sincerely, UCV Worship Services Committee

### ***UCV CARE AND CONCERN ANNOUNCEMENT***

*A new way to reach out in time of need:*

*“If you or others in the congregation are in need of support in times of transition, loss, illness, moving, etc., please contact: [careandconcern@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:careandconcern@vancouverunitarians.ca)”*  
*sincerely, Rev. Steven Epperson*

## ***A Warm Welcome!***

Please visit our Visitors' Table and get a nametag in the Sanctuary foyer. Drop by the Welcome Table in Hewett Centre after the service and stay for coffee or tea and friendly conversation. Learn about our church and our community. Look for people wearing yellow nametags, who are welcoming you today.

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 4 and over are invited to join in this week's program activities. 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.

### **SUPPORT TEAM TODAY**

<b>COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS</b>	Ann Foster, Barbara Schafer, Amy Megumi Anderson
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Lorraine Calame
<b>LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL</b>	Kaelyn Elfert, Lindsay Udem
<b>LUNCH</b>	Refugee Ctte
<b>ORDER OF SERVICE</b>	Hunter MacNiven
<b>SOUND</b>	Galen Elfert
<b>GREETERS</b>	Margo Elfert, Sakura Nandana, Setty Pendakur, Penny Pearson
<b>WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE</b>	Karen Brumelle, Paul Wright

### **STAFF**

<b>PARISH MINISTER</b>	Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>COMMUNITY MINISTER</b>	Rev. Laura Imayoshi
<b>DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>	Kiersten Moore
<b>CHOIR DIRECTOR</b>	Donna Brown
<b>MUSIC ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER</b>	Elliott Dainow
<b>CASUAL CARETAKERS</b>	James Wilson, Ben Yeung, Mark Klassen, Marcus Hynes, Paul Nash, Matt Yeung
<b>CONGREGATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR</b>	Hunter MacNiven
<b>BOOKKEEPER</b>	Collene Harris
<b>SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS</b>	Virginia Crabill, Robert Schultz
<b>UCV LAY CHAPLAINS</b>	Nan Gregory, Sherry King, Louise Bunn

*The red pulpit hanging is a gift from our partner church in Brassó, Romania.*

### **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*

The UCV campus is a Smoke-Free Environment