



Anasazi pictograph, Escalante Canyon, Utah

Living Our Vision Now

Rev. Steven Epperson

– September 17, 2017



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER



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.

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



Warm Welcome!

Please visit our Visitors' Table in the Sanctuary foyer and get a nametag. 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.

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 & strollers.*

The UCV Campus is a non-smoking environment.

TODAY AT UCV

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: We are committed to providing safe, compassionate, age-appropriate programming for all children and youth who attend or visit UCV. Our goal is to build intentionally inclusive community across ages and explore big questions through story, art, and play. Sunday morning classes are presented free of charge as part of the mission of this congregation. Everyone attends the start of service together through the chalice lighting, opening hymn, and story for all ages.

- **After the story, children of all ages may proceed to the lower level of Hewett Centre** to the Channing room (south side downstairs) for our multi-age program, Spirit Play, led by our Religious Exploration staff teacher and trained volunteers. We welcome our very youngest to join us in this safe and exploratory space.
- **Children registered for the Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation Reflection Guide for upper elementary** (ages 8-11/grade 4-6) meet in the Parker room (central room) downstairs until 12:15.
- **Coming of Age** is a mentor based program for youth ages 12-14 exploring their own beliefs about life, the universe, and everything. Registered participants meet in the Hirschmanova room downstairs until 12:15 pm.

Please see Kiersten Moore, our Director of Religious Education if you have any questions or concerns.

Children and babies are welcome to remain with their parents/guardians through the service if they prefer. **Please meet your child downstairs after the service: children under age 9 will remain in class until met by a responsible family member. Older children may join their family upstairs for social hour.**

YOUTH GROUP: Our High School Youth Group (grades 8-12) meets from 1 – 3 pm each Sunday in Hirschmanova on the lower level of Hewett Centre. Our Youth Group is led collaboratively by the youth and trained advisors. They explore issues of faith development, social justice, life experiences, trials, tribulations and joys of navigating life—and they always include a good measure of fun and games. All youth members and visitors are welcome every week.

MEDITATION: Join us for the Sunday morning sitting meditation at 10 – 10:45 am. There is brief guidance at the beginning of each sit. In consideration of others, please try to come on time. Any inquiries can be sent to victoriaoginski@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER ART EXHIBIT & ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING: A Retrospective by Claire Babcock – Portraits from the Carnegie Community Centre in the Sanctuary and Fireside Room.

TODAY'S LUNCH – LOVE SOUP! Come and savour a healthy, hearty variety of made-from-scratch soups, fresh salad, and yummy dessert. We also sell, when available, day-old Terra Bread by donation. All proceeds go directly to the church. Thank you for your support and help in any size! — Amy Megumi Anderson and the Love Soup lunch crew.

TODAY'S FORUM: *Tea with the DRE (Director of Religious Education)* – Our DRE will give an introduction to this year's Children's and Youth programming. 12:45 pm in the Fireside Room.

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE is meeting today in Biddle at 12:30 pm. Interested or curious to hear what is going on? Come by and check out what we are doing within the church, around town, and beyond!

AUTUMN EQUINOX CIRCLE DANCE & RITUAL: 12:10 – 1:30 pm Today. Change of time and location: We will start circle dancing right after the service in the courtyard (*If pouring with rain, we'll just dance on the stage in the sanctuary*). Join us for any or all of our ritual and circle dance. All ages welcome.

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Liz Monrad, Eric Chen

FLOWERS

Diane Donaldson

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Frances Anderson, Laura Gerken, David Buchanan

SOUND

Kaelyn Elfert

LUNCH

Love Soup!

GREETERS

Jane Sutherland, Shirley McLeod, Carolyn Grant, Denise Nereida

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Philomene Jahnke, George Atherton

Next Sunday Service: September 24, 2017

The Protestant Reformation & the Beginnings of Unitarianism

Rev. Steven Epperson

Celebration of Worship: September 17, 2017

Prelude	<i>Unitarian Hymns</i>	E. Dainow, Piano
Welcome & Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Hymn #360		<i>Here We Have Gathered</i>
Story for all Ages		Read by Rev. Steven Epperson
Announcements		Erin Moulding
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Erin Moulding
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	arr. Bruce Greer & E. Dainow E. Dainow, piano
Meditation – Spoken, then Silent		Rev. Steven Epperson
Musical Response	<i>I See a New Heaven</i>	Carolyn McDade E. Dainow, piano & voice
<i>Living Our Vision Now</i> Rev. Steven Epperson		
Closing Hymn #131		<i>Love Will Guide Us</i>
Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson



CUC Vision Statement

As Canadian Unitarian Universalists, we envision a world in which our interdependence calls us to love and justice.

As Canadian Unitarian Universalists: Seven [principles](#) guide our choices, Six [sources](#) nourish our spirits, Five [aspirations](#) help us grow.

As Canadian Unitarian Universalists, we aspire to be:

- **Deeply Connected:** We strive to foster healthy relationships amongst and within UU communities, with the broader world and with all life.
- **Radically Inclusive:** We strive to create hospitable, diverse, multi-generational communities.
- **Actively Engaged:** We strive to work joyfully for a just and compassionate society, experimenting with new forms of community.
- **Theologically Alive:** We seek to be ever-evolving in our understanding, open to new knowledge.
- **Spiritually Grounded:** We seek transformation through personal spiritual experiences and shared ritual.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

UCV BOARD DEVELOPMENT: If any member in good standing is interested in being on the UCV Board, or would like to nominate someone, please contact the Nominating Committee at diane@rubyslippers.ca.

EARTH-CENTERED SPIRITUAL GATHERINGS: We are planning family-friendly earth-centred celebrations on the Sunday afternoon nearest the equinoxes, solstices and cross-quarter days. It will be: 2 – 3 pm ritual with song and dance; 3 – 4 pm nature-based activity; 4 – 5 pm potluck finger food. Come for just the ritual or stay for all three hours. The first one will be Sunday, September 17 to celebrate the autumn equinox. Mary Bennett maryinvancouver@gmail.com

CHALICE CHOIR REUNION: Sept. 21 @ 7:15, UCV Sanctuary: All former Chalice Choir members are invited to join the choir for singing, refreshments and a good visit. Former members may also join us in singing at the Sunday service, Sept. 24, but this is not required. Please let Donna Brown know by email if you would like to attend, at quinnbrown44@gmail.com.

THE 4TH ANNUAL UCV COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER is happening next Saturday, September 23, from 5:30pm onward! Come enjoy some wonderful food, congenial company, and excellent entertainment! Tickets are on sale (\$12) after the service today in the Hewett Hall. Please bring a salad or entree (appetizers and dessert provided). Childcare is available – please indicate if it is needed when you purchase your ticket.

WALK FOR RECONCILIATION: The *2017 Walk for Reconciliation Vancouver* takes place on September 24th. Our upper elementary students have the opportunity to participate in an 8-session Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation series beginning in October and this walk is our opening celebration. Please join us and show your own commitment to reconciliation, multi-faith connections, and to our children on this journey. The 4 Vancouver area Unitarian churches will be meeting up at **9:00 am at the Vancouver Playhouse stage door at 601 Cambie Street (at Dunsmuir)** to walk the 2 km from Cambie and Georgia to Strathcona Park together. Rob Dainow will bring the UCV banner. Contact Kiersten Moore, DRE with any questions.

NEXT MOVEABLE FEAST: 6 pm, Saturday, September 30 at New India Buffet's new location, 901 West Broadway (at Laurel), www.newindiabuffet.com. To reserve a place at our table, contact Dianne Crosbie at dcrosbie@uniserve.com or by phone at 778-686-7987. Wheelchair accessible.

SHARE YOUR STORY – A SERMON WRITING WORKSHOP: Saturday, October 28, 2017, 1 – 6 pm in the Hewett Centre. Facilitated by Rev. Meg Roberts. To help integrate your learning, a follow-up 1 ½-hour group coaching session is included on either Tues. Nov. 28, 7 – 8:30 pm OR Sat. Nov. 25, 10:30 am – 12 noon. This will encourage you to work on your sermon, offer support for any roadblocks you hit, and provide feedback to polish your creation. To register, contact UCV Workshop Committee chair, Way Kent: 110395@telus.net. Earlybird registration deadline and cost: September 30 (\$35) Final registration deadline and cost: October 22 (\$50)

FIRESIDE YOGA: A quiet practice of gentle stretching to be offered in Fireside Room at UCV by certified and practicing Hatha Yoga teacher, Philippa Syme. Props provided. No experience required. No one turned away due to lack of funds! 8-week series Mondays, from Oct 2 to Nov 20, 7 – 8:15 pm. Drop-ins OK. Call or email appili@shaw.ca / 604-836-9165.

LAY CHAPLAIN OPPORTUNITY: UCV Lay Chaplains co-create and officiate at weddings, memorials, child blessings and other rites of passage ceremonies. It's a joyful, loving service to the greater community and a path to personal spiritual growth. For more details about the job's requirements and its blessings, contact Nan Gregory, nangregory@shaw.ca, 604-228-1450, or Katherine Roback, katherinekrobback@gmail.com, 604-872-0426.

CASUAL CARETAKER OPPORTUNITY: UCV is in need of casual Caretakers to help maintain our beautiful campus and to assist the many individuals and community groups who make use of our rental spaces. Previous caretaking or custodial experience is an asset but not necessarily required. Must be available to work evenings and weekends. This is an ideal opportunity for students or for those looking for a source supplemental income. Hours vary with rental space usage. If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to Aurora Eyolfson at ca@vancouverunitarians.ca.

JOIN THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM: We're gearing up for fall back-to-church and it would be a benefit to have a few more folk on the communications team to help committees and groups design brochures, update the website, write news posts and make posters for the bulletin boards. Meetings (usually only two a year) are optional.

Visit <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/ucv/communications-team/> or contact maryinvancouver@gmail.com.

Sacred Circle Dance



1st Tuesday and 2nd Monday 7pm
Dance+Labyrinth+Art 3rd Th 11am
Contact: circledanceucv@gmail.com

Artwork by Rev. Margaret Keip created in celebration of the life of dancer and photographer Edna Bullock. She and Ric Masten, composer of "Let It Be a Dance" were both members of the UU Church of the Monterey Peninsula

Saturday, September 23, 2017 (from 5:30 pm)

JOIN THE FUN
at the 4th annual

- tasty food
- congenial company
- excellent entertainment

\$12 tickets (or by donation) on sale after service Sept. 10 & 17 in Hewett Hall (only 100 available)

* Bring a salad or entré (appetizers & dessert provided)
 Childcare available (please indicate if needed when you purchase tickets)



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Rev. Laura Imayoshi

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