



## *A Pilgrim's Story: Walking the Camino de Santiago*

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# 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.



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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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## ***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 Hitchensmanova 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. Any inquiries can be sent to [victoriaoginski@gmail.com](mailto:victoriaoginski@gmail.com).

**TODAY’S FORUM:** Come to the Forum today to learn about how to leave a legacy to the church. Allison Felker, Manager of Donor Engagement and Fund Development for Vancity Community Foundation will be here to give you tips and ideas and answer your questions on Planned Giving. *Liz Monrad*

**LOVE SOUP** is today! Please come and join us after the service for lunch in the Hewett Centre. We will be serving tasty & nutritious soup, fresh salad, tasty Terra bread, and a yummy dessert. This is a very enjoyable way to help support UCV’s many important programs. Your continued support and help is very much appreciated!

**THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:**

**COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS**

**FLOWERS**

**LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL**

**SOUND**

**LUNCH**

**GREETERS**

**WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE**

Liz Monrad, Eric Chen

Diane Donaldson

Frances Anderson, Laura Gerken, David Buchanan

Kaelyn Elfert

Love Soup!

Jane Sutherland, Shirley McLeod, Carolyn Grant, Denise Nereida

Paul Wright, Karen Brumelle



# Celebration of Worship: November 19, 2017

**Prelude** *Armando's Rhumba* Chick Corea  
*Spain* Chick Corea (with excerpt from Concierto de  
Aranjuez by Joaquín Rodrigo)  
Patrick Dubois, piano; Edgar Bridwell, violin

**Opening Words** Way Kent

**Welcome & Greeting Our Neighbours** Way Kent

**Kindling the Chalice Flame** Way Kent

**Opening Hymn #1021** *Lean On Me*

**Story for all Ages** *And to Think That We Thought We'd Never Be Friends*  
by Mary Ann Hoberman

Let's sing the children out "Go now in peace..."

**Announcements** Julia Myers

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

**Offering:** *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.* *Camino Overture (excerpt)* *Oliver Schroer*  
Edgar Bridwell, violin

**Meditation** Church Bell Meditation Patrick Dubois

**A Pilgrim's Story: Walking the Camino de Santiago**  
Laureen Stokes

**Closing Hymn #38** *Morning Has Broken*

**Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame** Laureen Stokes

**UCV This Week:** Do you want to receive the weekly service information and announcements by email? Just send your request to [ucvevents@gmail.com](mailto:ucvevents@gmail.com) or sign up at the welcome table in the foyer any Sunday.

**Next Sunday Service: November 26, 2017**

**Nature Will Be My Language – A Close Encounter with Thoreau**

Rev. Steven Epperson



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FIRESIDE YOGA:** A quiet practice of gentle stretching will be offered in the Fireside Room at UCV by certified and practicing Hatha Yoga teacher, Philippa Syme. Props provided. 7-week series on Mondays, from Oct 2 to Nov 20, 7 – 8:15 pm. Suggested rate for 7 classes: \$10 each or \$12 drop-in. No experience required. No one turned away due to lack of funds. Call or email [appili@shaw.ca](mailto:appili@shaw.ca) / 604-836-9165, or just come to start at 7 pm.

**ATTENTION PARENTS AND ALL ADULTS: First Sunday of the Month 9:30 a.m. Adult RE Class Begins December 3<sup>rd</sup>!** Join Rev. Steven Epperson and DRE Kiersten Moore in Lindsey-Priestley Room at 9:30 am for our first ever First Sunday Adult RE class on bringing Unitarian Faith Formation into our homes to share with our families. We will meet to discuss how building our faith and practice is something that happens all through the week, and that the best, most effective site for this to happen is in our own home. We will share ideas, discuss challenges best practices. In preparation, I encourage those planning to attend to take a look at the provocative and inspiring study (see the following link) that's making creative waves throughout the North American UU world. Kiersten and I look forward to meeting with you 9:30-10:30 am in Lindsey-Priestley. *Rev. Steven Epperson.* Reading link: <http://bit.ly/2yq23Y0>

**THE UCV BOOK GROUP** Will meet on the fourth Sunday, November 24 (instead of the second).

**NEXT MOVEABLE FEAST:** Nov. 25 (Last Sat.) 6 pm Minoas Greek Taverna, 3823 Kingsway, Burnaby (near Central Park). RSVP is essential. Dianne Crosbie [dcrosbie@uniserve.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com)

**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](mailto:nangregory@shaw.ca), 604-228-1450, or Katherine Roback, [katherinekrobback@gmail.com](mailto:katherinekrobback@gmail.com), 604-872-0426.

**CARE & CONCERN COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT:** A used Evolution walker with padded seat, and a fairly new reclining chair that will tip the sitter from sitting to standing are available free to anyone in the UCV community who can use them. Please contact Sheila Lindfield:

[sheilalindfield@gmail.com](mailto:sheilalindfield@gmail.com)

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND:** The Outreach Opportunities Fund will be collecting for a First Nations organisation, Warriors Against Violence Society (WAVS), from October until January. WAVS has been in operation since 1998 with the aim of reducing violence against women by helping men learn how to make positive changes in their lives. The program provides the opportunity for participants to share their stories and obtain support, and reclaim traditional values of equality, honour and respect for themselves and others.

**"温哥华寻道会" (VANCOUVER SEEKERS OF THE WAY):** Street signage for UCV's Chinese name is now complete. Besides being on the three signboards at the entrances to the parking lot and to Fremlin Street, the name is now a new addition to the large board (both sides) at W49th and Oak. Many thanks to Hans Elfert.

**HANUKKAH FOR EVERYONE:** Saturday, Dec. 9. There will be activities for kids and the play room will be open for use by families. Some of our members with Jewish backgrounds are planning a program of decorating, singing, menorah lighting, blessing and dreidl playing. Come and enjoy customs you may be familiar with—or learn about this Jewish Festival of Lights. Rituals and dinner: 5 – 7 pm. After 7 there's circle dancing, Rummy and just enjoying conversation. RSVP appreciated to [ucvhygge@gmail.com](mailto:ucvhygge@gmail.com) (Mary and Patti).

**NEW TO UCV BREAKFAST:** Prior to the service Dec 10, 2017 there will be a breakfast at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room for anyone who has attended "New to UCV Workshop". Various committee chairs will provide information on the many activities within UCV. For those ready to sign the membership book, Rev. Steven Epperson will witness your signature. For additional information, contact Dianne Crosbie at [dcrosbie@uniserve.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com) or contact the church office at 604-261-7204.

**LATKE CREW:** We're looking for 4-6 people to make potato pancakes (latkes) for the Hanukkah Potluck dinner on December 9. Your crew would coordinate purchase of ingredients and do the preparation 3-5pm. Contact [ucvhygge@gmail.com](mailto:ucvhygge@gmail.com) We'll be using Barb Taylor's latke recipe. Success guaranteed! No experience necessary.

**NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS:** It's been a while since we've had neighbourhood groups who meet to socialize within their geographic area. 'Tis the season to be neighbourly, so we're trying to support members who'd like to find out who's in their 'hood. Lynn Armstrong (Ladner) and Drew Lemen (Richmond) are interested in coordinating a group for those who live in **Delta, White Rock, South Surrey and Richmond**. Send a note to [lynnbea@gmail.com](mailto:lynnbea@gmail.com) or [lemen.drew@gmail.com](mailto:lemen.drew@gmail.com) if you'd like to be added to the email list or would like to suggest/host a gathering.

Melody Mason will host an event for those in **Kits-West Point Grey**. Contact [maryinvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:maryinvancouver@gmail.com) if you'd like to be on our neighbourhood email list to facilitate connections-and receive invitations. (Kits-ish people welcome—i.e. nearby but technically not Kits.) Some of us informally get together to go to the theatre, have coffee, discuss what we're reading so feel opening it up a bit might increase our connections.

**CHALICE CHOIR ANNUAL ADVENT CONCERT:** *Singing the Season*. Join the Chalice Choir for a concert of seasonal music, featuring Gounod's *St. Cecilia Mass* and a singalong of Christmas favourites. Childcare provided. Reception to follow. Sunday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 pm, Sanctuary. Please remember that this is the choir's main fundraiser of the year and supports the choir's participation in our Sunday services. Invite your friends! Tickets: \$20 (Low income – pay what you can.) Available from any choir member or at the door. Note: tickets will be on sale next week after church in Hewett Centre.





## **Our Vision**

*Because we envision a more compassionate world, we seek to deepen our spiritual and religious lives, grow and enrich our congregation, and advocate for love and justice.*

## **Living Our Vision**

*As Unitarians, we are dedicated to spiritual growth, social justice, and reverence for nature and all life. We embody these values through worship, ethical action, artistic expression, and religious education for all ages that aim to connect hearts, heads, and hands. Our congregation welcomes all ages, orientations, abilities, and identities in our joyous search for meaning.*

## **MINISTER AND STAFF**

**PARISH MINISTER**

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