

## *On Gratitude and the Power of Life*

Rev. Steven Epperson and UCV adults, children & youth

– October 15, 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.

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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 Hitschmanova 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](mailto:victoriaoginski@gmail.com).

**TODAY'S FORUM:** The forum on October 15th will be on the new constitution and bylaws for our church, which will be voted on at the AGM on November 12th. Copies of the new bylaws are available at the office for anyone who would like to view them before the forum.

**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!

**THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** is meeting today in Biddle at 12:30. 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!

### **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**

Nancy Strider, Alison Pearson

**Next Sunday Service: October 22, 2017**

*UN Sunday and the Gibbard Award*

Rev. Steven Epperson and Guests

# Celebration of Worship: October 15, 2017

**Prelude** *Frog Prince* Ellen Van  
*Wood River* Connie Caldor  
*God Bless the Grass* Malvina Reynolds  
Performed by JES\*

**Welcome & Greeting Our Neighbours** Rev. Steven Epperson

**Kindling the Chalice Flame** Rev. Steven Epperson

**Opening Hymn #1008** *When Our Heart is in a Holy Place*  
Piano: Eric Wyness

**Story for all Ages** Read by Rev. Steven Epperson

**Announcements** Cindy Cashin

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

**Offering:** *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.* *Sweet Apple Song* Ellen van der Hoeven  
performed by JES

**Hymn #123** *Spirit of Life*

**Meditation**

**Musical Reflection** *Kinder-Copper Women*  
performed by JES

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**Closing Hymn #21** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

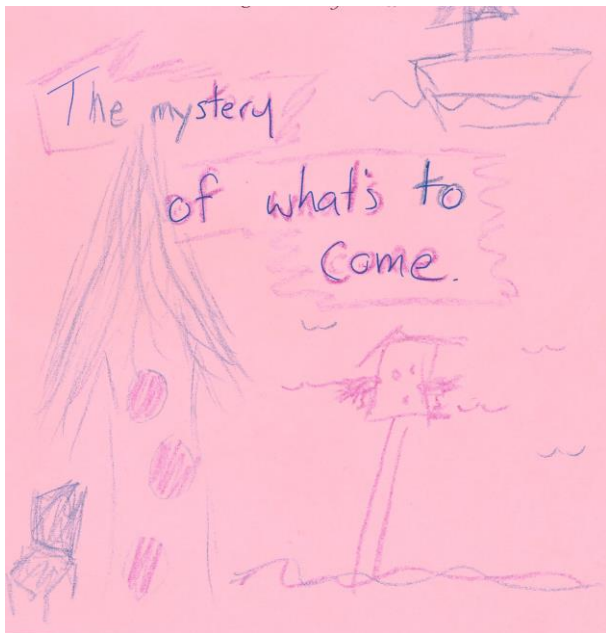
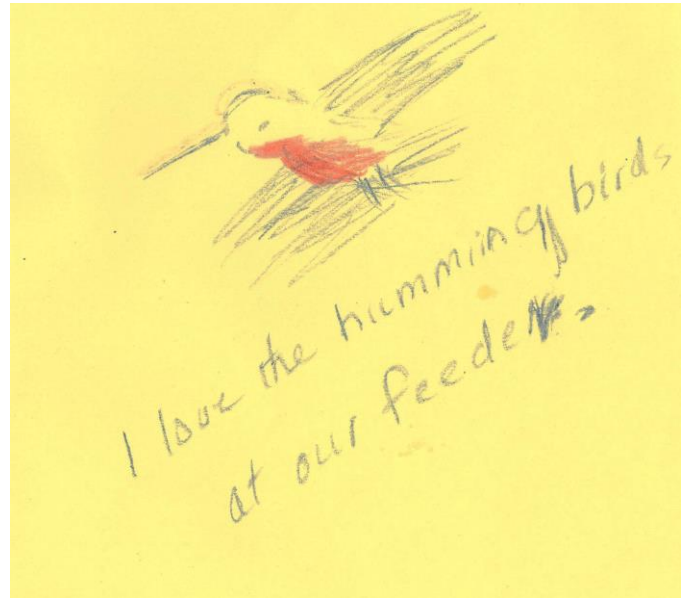
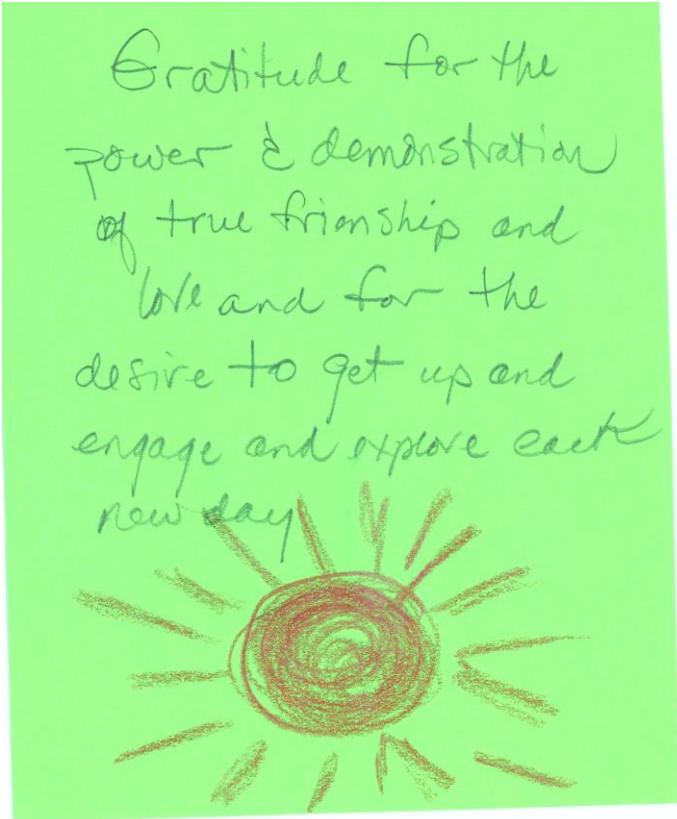
**Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame** Rev. Steven Epperson

\*JES is Jane Slemon, Ellen van der Hoeven, and Susan Larkin. A tight braid of voices backed by a tapestry of instruments, the members of this musical friendship often can't help but get themselves mixed up with one another. JES brings a diverse repertoire that includes Celtic, folk roots, and original songs.



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*A collection of pictures drawn by UCV adults, children, and youth for our Easter banner, April 2016*



## 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](mailto:diane@rubyslippers.ca).

**CALL OUT TO ALL UCV COMMITTEES!** Please send your annual reports to Marg Fletcher [mfletcher508@gmail.com](mailto:mfletcher508@gmail.com). The Annual General Meeting will be held November 12, 2017.”

**UCV EVENTS DEADLINE – OCTOBER 18:** Submit notices of UCV sponsored events to Mary & Margo, [ucvevents@gmail.com](mailto:ucvevents@gmail.com) by the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month (Special events requiring extra space needed by 14<sup>th</sup>.)

**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.

**GATHERING FOR LABYRINTH ART & DANCE:** Oct. 19, 11 am – 1 pm, Lindsey-Priestley room.

**FALL BOOK SALE:** Please join us for our Fall book sale from 9 am – 1 pm on Sunday, October 22 at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver. We will have current titles, many genres of fiction, extensive topical non-fiction, as well as gorgeous art and coffee table books, many in mint condition. Most will be priced from \$1 to \$3.

**THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE** is looking for volunteers to help set up and run the upcoming Book Sale. We need volunteers on the afternoon of Friday, October 20, during the day of Saturday, October 21 (a lunch will be provided for volunteers that day), and during the sale from 9 am to 1 pm on Sunday, October 22. Please contact David at 604-319-5199 if you are interested.

**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](mailto:110395@telus.net). Early bird registration deadline and cost: September 30 (\$35) Final registration deadline and cost: October 22 (\$50)

**‘HAPPY PLACE’ THEATRE GROUP:** Some Unitarians are attending *Happy Place* at the Firehall Arts Centre on Thursday, October 26. As well as the 4 confirmed, Mary has put a hold on two tickets in the second to the front row. If you’d like to join us, contact Mary – or call and purchase tickets directly. Adults \$33, Seniors \$28. [maryinvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:maryinvancouver@gmail.com) More details: <http://firehallartscentre.ca/>. If you’d like to join an email group to hear about arts and culture events members are attending, send a blank email to [ucv-arts-and-culture+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:ucv-arts-and-culture+subscribe@googlegroups.com) or ask Mary.

**NEW TO UCV WORKSHOP:** Everything you wanted to know about Unitarianism and UCV but were afraid to ask! Join us for this one-day workshop on **Saturday, Nov 4, 9:15 am – 2:30 pm in the Fireside Room.** Coffee and muffins at 9:00 am, lunch provided. Attendance encouraged prior to becoming a UCV member. Interested current members also welcome. Registration forms available at the Welcome Table or church office. Babysitting requests 2 weeks in advance. Questions, contact Dianne Crosbie at [dcrosbie@uniserve.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com) or the church office 604-261-7204.

**NEXT MOVEABLE FEAST:** On Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>, back by popular demand, we will be meeting at the Grandview Szechuan Restaurant at 6:00 pm, Fraser Street and East 26<sup>th</sup> <https://grandviewchinese.ca> Wheel chair accessible. To reserve your place at our table, reply to [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, [katherinekrobak@gmail.com](mailto:katherinekrobak@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 of supplemental income. If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to Aurora Eyolfson at [ca@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:ca@vancouverunitarians.ca).

**THE PLANNING COMMITTEE** for the possible redevelopment of part of the UCV site will meet Wednesday, November 27 at 7 pm in Hewett Hall – a very important meeting! – *Gordon Gram and Michael Clague*

**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. Contact [maryinvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:maryinvancouver@gmail.com).

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND:** For the next three months, the Outreach Opportunities Fund will be collecting for Warriors Against Violence Society, a First Nations organization committed to helping families unlearn violent behaviours and to reclaim traditional values of equality, honour and respect for themselves and others.

**LOST AND FOUND CLEAR-OUT:** The UCV office lost and found is at max capacity. We intend to donate all unclaimed items by the end of this month. If you are interested in taking a look at what we have, please come by the office between 9:30 am and 2:30 pm, Monday to Thursday.

**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.



## **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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