



Easter Pageant: A Tale of Wheat

Rev. Steven Epperson, UCV Children & Members

April 1, 2018

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 congregation. Look for people wearing yellow nametags, who are welcoming you today.

The Presence of Children is a Gift to the Church. Welcome!

If you are a new family visiting with children or babies please fill out a Children's Program visitor card at the Welcome Table so Kiersten Moore, our Director of Religious Exploration, can be in touch with you about our children, youth, and family programs.

Most Sundays, everyone begins the morning together in the Sanctuary for the first 10-15 minutes. We provide multi-age programming and special workshops for children ages 2-12 from 11:15-12:15. Community building, exploring traditions and values, questioning, and wondering are our goals. Babies and young toddlers may join us or stay with you in the Sanctuary.

Buddy Bags with a small stuffie, themed colouring book, and crayons are available in the foyer for use during the service. Please return them to the basket at the end; you may keep the colouring book. There is also a playroom for family use across from the kitchen in Hewett Centre.

The seats in the rear of the church are ***reserved***:
(when facing the front) left side for those needing to slip in and out of the service, and
right side for persons in wheelchairs & strollers.

The UCV Campus is a non-smoking environment.

TODAY AT UCV

We gather together on the 1st Sunday of each month for whole congregation worship. On these days both children and adults participate in explorations, programs, and small groups at 9:30 am and then attend worship together at 11:00.

Worshipping together is a learning experience for everyone. To parents and responsible adults, we offer some tips to help you and your children be at ease:

- Mother Nature put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in our church.
- Sit towards the front where your child can see what is going on; backs of heads are boring! Help your child by being a role model.

- Gently and quietly remind them what we do in worship and explain what is going on.
- Answer your child's questions with a quiet whisper—they often whisper back.
- Encourage your child to work with their 'Buddy Bag' to help them concentrate on worship.
- If you have to leave the service with your child, please feel free to come back. We believe children belong in sacred spaces.
- The service can also be heard in the foyer and in Hewett Hall where a playroom is open for your use.

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MEDITATION: Join us for the Sunday morning sitting meditation at 10 – 10:45 am in the Family Room. There is brief guidance at the beginning of each sit. Inquiries: victoriaoginski@gmail.com

FORUM: 12:30 pm, Fireside. Films on Wild Salmon and Fish Farms. Wild salmon have been the life blood of coastal culture for millennia. Will they die? A show and tell about the state of wild salmon and fish farms in BC. Short video clips followed by conversation. *Sponsor: Environment Team*

NEW SERMON DISCUSSIONS: Inviting newcomers and regulars to share your thoughts, feelings and questions about today's service. Grab a coffee or lunch and join us for an informal discussion at 12:15 – 1 pm in the Priestley room. *Sheila (R), Connect & Engage Committee.*

COMPUTUTOR: 12 – 2 pm, Lindsey room. Bring your curiosity, computer/social media challenges (and your device if you wish). Resources- Paul Prescod, Galen Elfert and friends. Further information -RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca

ART EXHIBITION: *Elemental Journeys*, Joanne Brown, printmaker, will show her Four Elements series. Jackie Conradi-Robertson's acrylic paintings are inspired by nature scenes either here at home or in her travels. Mary Bennett's mixed-media pieces explore materiality through colour, texture, and layers.

Do you pledge? Tell us why! Come on out, don't be shy!

Spring has sprung, and here at UCV that means it's Canvass Season. Pledging is awesome. It helps fund our congregation, our community and our buildings. If you pledge, have pledged, or are planning to pledge, and you want to share why you think it matters, Léonie Armstrong will put you on video for our website, canvass campaign, and social media!

When: TODAY, Sunday, April 1, from 12:30-2:30 pm. Contact Léonie if you want to participate but can't make the main event, and we will find you a time that works.

Where: Biddle Room.

How: Drop in, or email leoniearmstrong@hotmail.com

Celebration of Worship: April 1, 2018

Prelude	<i>Sicilienne</i> <i>Baroque & Blue</i>	J.S. Bach Claude Bolling Lia Wolfe*, flute; E. Dainow, piano
Invocation	<i>Spirit of Life</i>	C. McDade With the Chalice Choir
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Hymn #61		<i>Lo, The Earth Awakes Again</i>
Welcome and Announcements		Karen Bartlett
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Karen Bartlett
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Inch & Oats</i>	2 traditional tunes, arr't. E. Dainow Lia Wolfe, flute; E. Dainow, piano
Meditation – Spoken, then Silent		Rev. Steven Epperson
Musical Response	<i>The Little Shepherd</i>	with Lia Wolfe & E. Dainow

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Closing Hymn #1068		<i>Rising Green</i>
Closing Words		Rev. Steven Epperson
Extinguishing the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Valediction	<i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.</i> <i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.</i>	

* I am pleased to welcome Lia here today. She came to me via our choir director Donna Brown, as they both sing in Jubilate Choir that rehearses here on Monday nights. – Elliott

Next Sunday Service: April 8, 2018

Nurturing Compassion Together

Rev. Steven Epperson

UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE METRO VANCOUVER UNITARIAN GATHERING will be held Saturday, April 7 from 9am-9pm at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver. Registration now over 70 people! Highlights of the day:

- Time to network with local Unitarians on a range of topics
- Rehearse with the pick up choir at 8:45 before the InGathering
- Workshop on "Singing for Justice" with songwriter/activist Tony Turner
- Panel on Intergenerational Solidarity with young adults Dani Cooper, Lindsay Hindle, Doug Ennenberg and Casey Stainsby, moderated by Asha Philar
- Acting for Change: congregations discuss challenges and opportunities for social justice action
- Children's Program (with a field trip to Van Dusen Gardens)
- Saturday night Open Mic Concert led by Tony Turner

NO FOOLIN': Registration extended to April 1st on the Canadian Unitarian Council website:
cuc.ca/metro-vancouver-unitarian-gathering

PASSOVER SEDER/DINNER: UCV family Passover Seder—Friday, Apr. 6, 5:30 pm, Hewett Centre. Potluck supper and celebration of the story of Passover. \$5 donation. Register by April 2nd at <https://unitarian-passover-seder.eventbrite.ca>.

THE UCV 2ND SUNDAY BOOK CLUB will meet April 8th, 12:30 pm in Biddle to discuss Thomas King's *The Back of the Turtle*, an environmental fable for our time, set largely on the west coast of Vancouver Island, told with King's characteristic humour.

MYSTERY PALS: April 8 – May 6. Sign-up by April 1st to be a Pal to someone older or younger than yourself. Knowing each other helps create a safe and connected community. This is a chance to bridge generation gaps between those who might not meet on a regular Sunday. More information and sign up forms are on the bulletin boards and welcome table or email Kiersten at dre@vancouverunitarians.ca or visit the UCV website: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/mystery-pals/>

SACRED CIRCLE DANCING IN APRIL: We will have two visiting teachers, Barbara Herring from Ontario (April 9th) and Rosie Turnbull from Findhorn, Scotland (April 19th). Circle dance and ritual for Beltane/May Day Sunday April 29th, followed by an afternoon and evening for experienced circle dancers. Contact circledanceucv@gmail.com to sign up for email reminders. Details online at vancouverunitarians.ca/circle-dance

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, **Saturday, April 14, 9:15 am – 2:30 pm, Fireside Room.** Coffee and muffins, 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 or the church office at 604-261-7204.

REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE & NEXT STEPS: Come to the Sanctuary at 12:30 pm on April 15 for the Board's Forum: The Redevelopment Committee will present their report on the Phase 1 Feasibility Study and their recommendations toward entering Phase 2, a business plan creation.

BUILDING CONNECTIONS WITH FUN & DEPTH - a Compassionate Communication Workshop at UCV. Facilitated by Nancy Barker (UCV) and guest and M. Asad Asadullah (SFU). Saturday, April 21, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, Fireside Room. Cost: Pay what you can, suggested \$25-\$50 per person. Info: email Nancy at nb1988@telus.net

DESIGNING AND LEADING RITES OF PASSAGE: Basic Training, April 27 – 29. CUC is offering at UCV a basic training weekend for new Lay Chaplains and anyone interested:

<http://cuc.ca/event/designing-leading-rites-passage-basic-training-lay-chaplains-3>

For more information, please contact Naomi Taylor: naomitaylor7@gmail.com

or Katherine Roback: katherinekroback@gmail.com

CHALICE CHOIR SPRING CABARET: Fascinating Rhythms! Join the Chalice Choir for a light-hearted evening of folk and pop music, with special guests, ErRatica. No host bar & light snacks. Childcare provided. Saturday, April 28 at 7:30 pm, Hewett Centre. Tickets on sale today in Hewett Centre - \$20 (low income – pay what you can).

HYGGE (POTLUCK) DINNERS are usually on the 3rd Saturday. Jeannie Corsi and Caede Pungente will host in April. We are looking for hosts for May and beyond. Guests bring all the food.

ucvhygge@gmail.com.

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY AT UCV: We will celebrate this on Sunday May 6 with a labyrinth walk and introduction to our two labyrinths starting at 3pm. This will be advertised as part of Jane's Walk Vancouver. Reply to unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com with any questions, suggestions or offers regarding our living labyrinth.

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE is looking for someone to sign out books in the library on the second Sunday of the month. This is a wonderful way to meet people and learn more about the library collection. Contact David at davidfbuchanan@gmail.com.

COCO-KETO healthy lifestyles support group – if interested, call Gerda Schulz at 604-737-9050.

LOVE SOUP!: Thank you very much for yet another successful Love Soup! on March 18. Your continued support is sincerely appreciated!

THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE is looking for 1 - 2 people to join our committee. Help us create a positive, healthy work environment for our UCV staff. Contact Sheila Resels, chair of HR, at sresels@gmail.com for further information.

CASUAL CARETAKER OPPORTUNITY: UCV is in need of a casual caretaker 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. Hours vary with rental space usage. If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to Marcus at marcus@vancouverunitarians.ca.

KIDS TAKEOVER UCV: Inspired by the recent Kids Takeover UBC, we are beginning to plan for a Kids Takeover day (or week? Or month?) at UCV. Share your ideas on the RE bulletin board or send to kidstakeoverucv@gmail.com. See article on web for more information. Supported by Arts Committee.

SMARTPHONE NEEDED: Our church Administration and Children's Program would like to be able to accept onsite electronic donations for events and services with a WiFi-enabled smartphone. Please contact the office if you have a potential donation. Thank you!

THE CONNECT & ENGAGE COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to facilitate informal conversation amongst newcomers (& regulars). The topic is the Sunday sermon. Our weekly *Sermon Discussions* are from 12:15 to approximately 1 pm. This only requires that you sign up for *one session per year*. If you'd like to join the team, contact Sheila at sresels@gmail.com.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: The Outreach Opportunities Fund will be collecting for the Community Legal Assistance Society (CLAS), from February to May. CLAS provides legal assistance in BC to people with problems in the areas of workers' rights, income security, housing, mental health and human rights.

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Eva Allen, Catherine Stewart

FLOWERS

Lorraine Calame

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Jean Stanton, George Atherton

SOUND

Rob Taylor

GREETERS

Ursula Litzcke, Denise Nereida, Melody Mason, Gerda Schulz

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Huguette Sansonnet, Jenny Podlecki

CARETAKER(S)

Edgar Silveira

The red pulpit hanging in the Sanctuary is a gift from our partner church in Brasso, Romania.



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.

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