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Nurturing Compassion Together

Rev. Steven Epperson

April 8, 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 am – 12:15 pm. 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.

<p>The seats in the rear of the church are <i>reserved</i>: (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.</p>
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The UCV Campus is a non-smoking environment.

TODAY AT UCV

After the Story we sing our children off to their Explorations in Hewett Centre:

- **Spirit Play meets downstairs in the Channing Room** (south end) until 12:15 pm. **All visitors and children ages 0-12** are welcome to join this multi-age program centered around community, ritual, and story. Explorations are centered around the Seven Principles and Sources of Unitarian Universalism. Each Sunday starts with a story and moves into art, building, action, and garden activities.
- **Our Whole Lives** sexuality education for ages 9 & 10 meets today downstairs in the Parker Room until 12:30 pm. These workshops meet twice a month and are restricted to registered participants.

- **Coming of Age** meets in Hirschmanova until 12:30 pm. This is a year-long mentorship and spirituality exploration program for children ages 11-14 and is restricted to registered participants.
- **Children and babies** are always welcome to remain with their family or responsible adult throughout the service if they prefer. The service can also be heard in the foyer and in Hewett Hall where a playroom is open for family use.

Nursing parents are welcome in any part of our buildings, if you wish for more privacy there is a comfy chair and a rocking chair in the Hewett Hall playroom.

After the Service children age 9 and older will be released to join their family in the main Hall when their class is over. **Children age 8 and younger** must be met at their classroom door and signed out by a responsible adult.

CANVASS KICK-OFF SUNDAY: Today is the official start of our annual Pledge Drive. This year's theme is "Nourishing Compassion Together" - with thanks to Catherine Stewart for theme and logo. Please stop by Hewett Centre after today's service for the traditional strudel & ice cream. And then, drop by our Canvass Information Table in Lindsey-Priestley where volunteers are ready to answer all your questions.

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! Speak with Léonie after the service or contact leoniearmstrong@hotmail.com if interested!

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

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. For more information, visit: <http://tiny.cc/ucvsvd>

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.

THE UCV 2ND SUNDAY BOOK CLUB will meet today in Biddle at 12:30 pm 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.

S.O.W.S. – SAVE OUR WILD SALMON: The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) requires free, prior and informed consent on any project that may put traditional livelihoods at risk. The BC government has NOT upheld its commitment to UNDRIP. Most coastal indigenous communities have protested fish farms for 30 years or more. Fish farms threaten their food supply, their culture, and their traditions. Visit our table in Hewett Hall to write your MLA to NOT renew the 18 fish farm tenures in 5 First Nations territories in the Broughton Archipelago area that are set to expire this June. Information, templates, and all supplies provided.

Celebration of Worship: April 8, 2018

Prelude	<i>Green Gardens</i> <i>Bon Esprit</i> <i>What a Wonderful World</i>	Tony Turner * Tony Turner Thiele & Weiss Performed by Tony Turner
Invocation	<i>May Your Life Be as a Song</i>	By J. Scott & Y. Zaritsky With the Chalice Choir
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Hymn #131		<i>Love Will Guide Us</i>
Story for All Ages		Read by Rev. Steven Epperson
Welcome and Announcements		Emilie Adin
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Emilie Adin
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Hard Right Now</i>	Tony Turner Performed by Tony Turner
Meditation – Spoken, then Silent		Rev. Steven Epperson
Musical Response	<i>Circle of Song</i>	By T. Turner, arr. J. Perry** With the Chalice Choir
Nurturing Compassion Together Rev. Steven Epperson		
Closing Hymn #298		<i>Wake, Now, My Senses</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. (x2)</i>	

* Tony Turner is a well-known singer-songwriter from the Ottawa region and we are very pleased to welcome him again here today. – Elliott

** Please join us in singing the chorus:

*Come, join with me in the circle of song,
The young and the old, the weak and the strong,
Singing with one voice, though we may speak different tongues,
In the circle of song, we are one.*

*Viens avec moi dans ce cercle d'amis,
Où jeunes et moins jeunes, où grands et petits,
Chantent d'une seule voix à travers leurs différences,
Dans ce cercle d'amis, tous unis.*

Next Sunday Service: April 15, 2018

An Invitation to Love & Justice

Rev. Steven Epperson

UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

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. Questions? Contact circledanceucv@gmail.com Details and sign up for monthly reminder at vancouverunitarians.ca/circle-dance

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 3 pm. This will be advertised as part of Jane's Walk Vancouver. Reply to unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com with any questions, suggestions or offers regarding our Garden Path Labyrinth. See photos and news at vancouverunitarians.ca/labyrinths

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. PHILLIP HEWETT MEMORIAL: A video of the memorial service for Rev. Phillip Hewett plus a guest book to share memories is online. Go to vancouverunitarians.ca/minister-emeritus to find links. If you are in touch with Unitarians who were members during Phillip's ministry and have since moved or lost touch, please forward this to them.

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.

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.

OUTSIDE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EARTH DAY PILGRIMAGE TO BURNS BOG: Sunday April 22, 2018 begins at 1:30 pm at the Delta Nature Reserve. This annual family event celebrates Burns Bog and global peatlands. Join other UU's after church, and plan to join or form an informal carpool from our parking lot. Directions: <http://www.burnsbog.org/visitburnsbog/>

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

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Pat Johnson, Amy Megumi Anderson

FLOWERS

Lorraine Calame

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Kaelyn Elfert, George Atherton

SOUND

Galen Elfert

GREETERS

Margo Elfert, Sakura Nandana, Setty Pendakur, Penny Pearson

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Paul Wright, Karen Brumelle

CARETAKER(S)

Edgar Silveira, Ahmed Walwail

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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