

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.

<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. **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 (downstairs-center) until 12:30pm. These workshops meet twice a month and are restricted to registered participants.
- **Coming of Age** meets in Hirschmanova until 12:30. 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.

YOUTH GROUP: UCV currently does not have an active community of high-school-aged youth. We do have trained and experienced youth advisors as well as a cohort of young people entering high school in the next year or two. If you are interested in Religious Exploration for this age group, please email Youth Coordinator Olivia Hall at oliviahmargaret@gmail.com or Director of Religious Education Kiersten Moore at dre@vancouverunitarians.ca.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY ARTS & CULTURE FORUM: Storytelling: *Take Me With You*. Cassy Welburn, Calgary storyteller and Unitarian, presents a tribute to her late brother, who died on the streets. It explores the life of a homeless person and his sister in story vignettes and song. Musical accompaniment by Jane Slemon and Nan Gregory. Proceeds from the sale of the chapbook will be donated to Lookout Housing Society of Vancouver.

LUNCH TODAY: A delicious lunch served today by the UCV Partner Church Committee. Funds raised from today's lunch help us to support our partner Unitarian church in Brasso, Romania and its congregation.

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 – 1pm in the Priestley room. Moderated by a host from Connect & Engage. Look forward to seeing you there! *Sheila* (R), Connect & Engage Committee.

TAX RECEIPTS AVAILABLE: Anyone who has made a donation or a pledge to UCV between January and December of 2017 can help us save on postage by picking up their tax receipts in person in the admin building after the service. Please see Rob Taylor or Karen Bartlett.

Celebration of Worship: February 25, 2018

Prelude	<i>Dixit Maria ad Angelum</i> (Christianity) <i>Alhamdullilah Alleluia</i> (Islam) <i>Rhagupati</i> (Hinduism) <i>Eli, Eli</i> (Judaism)	Hans Leo Hassler Allaudin Mathieu Traditional peace hymn Hannah Senesh / David Zehavi E. Dainow, arrangements & piano
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Hymn #355		<i>We Lift Our Hearts in Thanks</i>
Story for All Ages		Read by Rev. Steven Epperson
	<i>“Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the spirit of love Surround you, everywhere, everywhere you may go...”</i>	
Welcome and Announcements		Cindy Cashin
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Cindy Cashin
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>This is What We Are</i> (Buddhism)	Nomura/Arkin/ Waldemar Hille/Dainow
Meditation – Spoken, then Silent		Rev. Steven Epperson
Musical Response	<i>Evening Lullaby</i> (Unitarian)	Mary Grigolia arr't. E. Dainow
Homily		Religion: What is it Good For? Rev. Steven Epperson
Closing Hymn #92		<i>Mysterious Presence, Source of All</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. Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.</i>	

Next Sunday Service: March 4, 2018

What Do We Do When We Worship?

An all-congregation worship service

UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

METRO VANCOUVER UNITARIAN GATHERING: Saturday April 7, 9am to 9pm at UCV. Doors at 8:30 am. Our 4 local congregations strengthening inter-generational solidarity, networking on social action and singing with Unitarian singer/songwriter, Tony Turner. See website for full details. Registration is completely online this year at: <http://cuc.ca/metro-vancouver-unitarian-gathering>. (Help with registration will be available in the foyer of Sanctuary after the service on March 4). Volunteers are needed for greeting, serving meals and cleaning up. Please phone Jeannie Corsi on 604-224-1040 if you are able to help in any way.

NEXT WESTSIDE GATHERING: Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2:30 – 5pm. We will reflect upon and respond to: “What Has Led You To This Journey Among Unitarians? Who or what inspired and influenced you and, ultimately, brought you here? How can you live your life with more intention? What motivates you? What stops you?” Location: Home of Melody Mason. Please RSVP to melkmason@gmail.com and get address. Moderator: Sheila Resels sresels@gmail.com

CONSCIOUS BREATHING WORKSHOP: February 27, 7 pm, Lindsey-Priestley. Learn Conscious Breathing Techniques to Enhance Your Health and Manage Stress. Conscious Breathing techniques can increase your physical strength, emotional stability and mental agility. Manage stress, anxiety and fears with simple methods to feel more alive and energized. Call Henry at 604-442-6947 for more info.

MARCH PHILOSOPHERS' CAFÉ: Thursday, March 1, 10:30 am. What are some universal attributes of being human? *Co-sponsored by SFU and UCV.* Fireside Room, Hewett Hall, free admission. Moderator; Randall MacKinnon.

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM MEETING: Sunday, March 4, 9:45 – 10:45 am. If you have feedback or suggestions, please send to Mary in advance sharingucv@gmail.com. The meeting is for those who already have roles on the committee. If you'd like to join, send a note to Mary. There's room for more team members, including: graphic design for posters and regular facebook posts.

THE UCV BOOK CLUB will meet on March 11th at 12:30 pm in Biddle to discuss *Never Let Me Go*, by Kazuo Ishiguro which is a novel that subtly reimagines our world and time in a haunting story of friendship and love. Everyone is welcome.

BE A PART OF UCV'S VANCOUVER RAIN WALK TEAM: Register online to participate in Inspire Health's Rain 5k Walk fundraiser Sat March 24th, 9 am – noon, taking place at Olympic Village - family friendly-all fitness levels. Join Caede Pungente - show your support for our UCV community

HYGGE DINNERS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS: Hygge dinners are small (usually 8-10) potluck dinners that are hosted in members' homes usually, but not necessarily, on the 3rd Saturday at 6 pm. There are 3 upcoming dinners. Two on March 17, and the third is for East Van Unitarians. If you live in East Van and want to join the email group to learn about this and other gatherings, send a note to ucvconnect@gmail.com.

PASSOVER SEDER/DINNER: Save the Date! Friday, April 6, 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Contact: Sheila sresels@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: katherinekrobback@gmail.com>

EAST VAN, WEST SIDE, AND NEW WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS are now active. If you live in or near one of these areas send a message to ucvconnect@gmail.com to be added to the email group to learn about Unitarian neighbourhood events.

COVENANT GROUPS: Two groups (2nd Thursday and 4th Sunday) are accepting new members. Contact ucvconnect@gmail.com to be put in touch (or check event listings on web.)

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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.

FACEBOOK HELP NEEDED: Could you post just TWO messages per week on our page about the upcoming worship services? One would be a few days in advance and the other would be after the sermon is uploaded on our website. Contact Mary at sharingucv@gmail.com. If you are on Facebook, your communications team would very much appreciate your checking out our page regularly and clicking like, comment and share.

BOOK BASH DONATIONS: The Library Committee encourages everyone to donate gently used books for the upcoming Book Bash on March 25. Please drop them off in the library on Sundays before/after the service.

SMARTPHONE NEEDED: Do you have a smartphone you have recently replaced and don't know what to do with? iPhone 6 or newer sitting around waiting to be recycled? Our church Administration and Children's Program would like to be able to accept onsite electronic donations for events and services. The easiest way to do this is with an iPhone or Android phone connected to WiFi. The only requirements are a working screen, camera, and operating system still supported by updates. Please contact the office if you have a potential donation, please do not drop any electronic off without speaking to one of us. 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.

LABYRINTH: There are crocuses in the labyrinth and a new labyrinth volunteer, Vera Wojna. We've done a lot of gardening to remove leaves and generally spruce up for spring. (Thanks, Vera!) We are thinking of a labyrinth event on Sunday, May 6, on Jane's Walk Day and the day after Worldwide Labyrinth Day. Want to join our labyrinth team?
unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com More info here: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/labyrinths/>

JEWISH HOLIDAYS (JH) COMMITTEE: If you enjoy participating in celebrations that combine great food, stimulating conversation amongst Unitarians, their friends & family members, join our (JH) team. We're currently working on a Passover Seder/Dinner (Fri, Apr. 6, 5:30 pm, Hewett Center, Main Hall). There will be a lively review of the ancient Exodus Story of Passover which strives for freedom against oppression and celebrates liberty for all. We are looking for people to help out in the marketing, children, food, music, set-up & set-down teams. Please contact Sheila at sresels@gmail.com for more information.

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

Jean Lamond

FLOWERS

Carolyn Innes

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Aphrodite Harris, Hilda Wiebe

SOUND

Rob Greig

LUNCH

Partner Church Committee

GREETERS

John and Rae Smith, Greg Grant, Gary Smook, Hilda Wiebe

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Brock MacLachlan, Nancy Strider

CARETAKER(S)

Paul Nash, Ken Godmere



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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