



## *An Experience in Shared Ministry*

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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 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**

*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 (center) until 12:30 pm. These workshops meet twice a month and are restricted to registered participants.
- **Coming of Age** meets in Hitschmanova until 12:15. 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](mailto:oliviahmargaret@gmail.com) or Director of Religious Education Kiersten Moore at [dre@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:dre@vancouverunitarians.ca).

**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).

**LUNCH TODAY:** Love Soup!

**FORUM:** *Connect & Engage at UCV.* Come and hear of the many ways you can connect and engage with other Unitarians beyond Sunday morning. As a large congregation, we know that visitors and new members can feel a bit overwhelmed on Sunday mornings and even experience us as unwelcoming because of the busy-ness. Here's a chance to learn of many ways you can tap into small groups so you can more easily get to know other people. Bring your questions--and ideas of how we can support you. 12:30 pm, Fireside Room.

**UCV MEMBERS ART SHOW:** January 3<sup>rd</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup>. Mixed media. Please leave your comments in the book provided. Thanks!

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

**COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS**

Eric Chen, Merva Cottle

**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**

Naomi Taylor, Audrey Cook

**CARETAKER(S)**

Jennifer Débrosse, Ahmed Walwail

# Celebration of Worship: January 21, 2018

**Prelude**                      *Bridge Over Troubled Water (instrumental)*                      Simon & Garfunkle  
*We Give Thanks*                      Wendy Luella Perkins  
Performed by E. Dainow

**Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours**                      Léonie Armstrong

**Kindling the Chalice Flame**                      Léonie Armstrong

## **Congregational Reading:**

With full hearts,  
we affirm our relationships with one another;  
we recognize our agency and our connective power;  
and we accept our responsibility to be bold and courageous.

We light this chalice,  
symbol of all that we are, all that we have done together,  
and all that we will be as our shared ministry encourages those within,  
and beyond, our walls.

- *Bold and Courageous Together*, Erica Hewett

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

**Story for all Ages**                      Read by Léonie Armstrong

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

**Welcome and Announcements**                      Julia Myers

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

**Offering:** *We deeply appreciate      You've Got a Friend*                      Carole King  
*your presence here, your offerings*                      Performed by E. Dainow  
*and the gifts you share.*

**Meditation – Spoken, then Silent**                      Léonie Armstrong

**Musical Response #402**                      *From You I Receive*                      Joseph & Nathan Segal  
Performed by E. Dainow

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Closing Hymn #1020

Woyaya

Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Léonie Armstrong

Valediction

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.  
Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.*

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**Next Sunday Service: January 28, 2018**

*Do Trees Have Rights?*

**Rev. Steven Epperson**

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## UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

**NEXT MOVEABLE FEAST:** Saturday, January 27 at 6 pm. Location: Banana Leaf Malaysian Restaurant, 3005 West Broadway, Vancouver (at Carnavon). Please RSVP to Dianne Crosbie, [dcrosbie@uniserve.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com). Venue is wheelchair accessible.



**BUMBLEBERRY SUNDAY:** Sunday, January 28. Bring a friend to experience all that UCV offers – they may discover they were closet Unitarians all along! After the service, enjoy Bumbleberry Sundaes courtesy of the New U Committee. Every berry lovingly handpicked last summer.

**PHILOSOPHER'S CAFÉ:** Thursday, February 1, 10:30 am – noon in the Fireside room. *What are some universal attributes of being human?* Co-sponsored by SFU and the Vancouver Unitarians. Contact: [randallmackinnon@yahoo.ca](mailto:randallmackinnon@yahoo.ca).

**TAROT WORKSHOP** with Louise Bunn. February 4, 2 – 4 pm. Maximum size: 14 participants. Must pre-register. Follow links on website.

**SECOND SUNDAY BOOK GROUP:** *Fall Down 7 Times Get Up 8* – Biddle – Feb 11, 12:30 -2:00 pm. Author Naoki Higashida is a phenomenally successful author, and profoundly autistic. His observations are moving and thought-provoking.

*“I’d like people to stop pressuring children to make friends ... having no friends is nothing to be ashamed of. Let’s all follow and be true to our singular path through life.”*

*“Those who are determined to live with us and not give up on us are deeply compassionate people, and this kind of compassion must be a key to humanity’s long-term survival.”*

All are welcome to join us to discuss this man and his book.

**PASSOVER SEDER:** Save the Date! Friday, April 6, 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Contact: Sheila [sresels@telus.net](mailto:sresels@telus.net)

## **UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FIRST AID TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:** UCV office and caretaking staff are undertaking CPR-C and AED emergency first aid training on Saturday, February 3, beginning at 9 am. If any committee members, volunteers, and/or congregants are interested in attending and becoming certified, please let the office know by Monday, January 29. Cost: \$85/person.

**YOUR BOARD NEEDS YOUR HELP!** We still need volunteers to chair the nominating committee, to be on or chair the Human Resources Committee and now an interim Treasurer (or small finance committee) to fill in for Liz who has had to withdraw to deal with serious health concerns. Please contact Marg at [mletcher508@gmail.com](mailto:mletcher508@gmail.com) to learn more and to volunteer!

**COMMUNICATIONS TEAM:** Reporters needed. As we know “a lot goes on around here”. The Communications Team is looking for people who can do short interviews and follow up on information with links and information to write articles of approximately 500-700 words for our website. Contact Mary Bennett [maryinvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:maryinvancouver@gmail.com) (phone, skype or email contact is fine, so can be done from anywhere.)

**COFFEE @ UCV:** Can you volunteer for one Sunday a month either before or after the service? Contact [ucvconnect@gmail.com](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com).

**REVIEW REQUEST:** Do you use Yelp or TripAdvisor? If so, you could help the church by reviewing UCV on these sites to let people know that we are a welcoming and friendly community. Currently we have a negative review from a person who disagrees with our religious beliefs. *Thanks, Paul Prescod*

**LOVE SOUP:** Thank you very much for your continued support. Please note that we are in need of additional help for the February 18 Love Soup lunches while Amy is away in Japan – please contact the office if you would like to participate!

**2018 MULTIFAITH CALENDARS** now available for purchase before and after the service in Hewett Hall! Beautiful, art filled calendars include notes about festivals each month from world religions of all kinds. They make wonderful gifts! \$15 each or 2 for \$25. All proceeds support the Children and Youth programming.

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND:** The Outreach Opportunities Fund will be collecting for a First Nations organisation, *Warriors Against Violence Society* (WAVS), from October until the end of 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.

## **OUTSIDE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A SPIRITUALITY OF RESISTANCE** with Martha Saunders: Sat. Jan 20, 2018, 10 – 4 pm, \$70. Please bring lunch; refreshments are served. What do “good” and “evil” mean in a world enmeshed in human-caused ecological devastation and huge economic disparities among earth’s people? How can economically privileged people who seek to develop a meaningful spirituality and ethic resist the political and economic systems that create and sustain our advantages? **Location:** Canadian Memorial United Church, 1806 W.15th Ave. & Burrard St. Vancouver. Register: [Programs@earthliteracies.org](mailto:Programs@earthliteracies.org) 250-220-4601 [www.earthliteracies.org](http://www.earthliteracies.org)

**CELEBRATING OUR DIFFERENCES** – *Creating Positive Change in a Divided World*. Sunday, January 28, beginning at 3 pm. Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara, 8115 132. St., Surrey. In celebration of World Interfaith Harmony Week. The talented musicians and storytellers of the **Daughters of the Drum** and the **Naad Foundation** are returning for another inspiring gathering. Through stories and songs from many spiritual traditions, we will explore how to create positive change in a time of great uncertainty and fear. Admission is free, and all welcome to attend and share in Langar (traditional Sikh vegetarian meal). Visit [www.multifaithaction.org](http://www.multifaithaction.org) for more information or to pre-register.



## **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**

Rev. Steven Epperson

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