



Metro Vancouver UU congregants, Ministers & Tsleil-Waututh Guardians praying at the Watch House, Burnaby Mountain, May 1, 2018

Healing and Reconciliation?

Rev. Steven Epperson

June 10, 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. 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 12:30. These workshops meet twice a month and are restricted to registered participants.
- **Coming of Age** meets in Hitchensmanova 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 families 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.

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: *Students Support Marpole Modular Housing for Homeless.* Last fall, students at Churchill Secondary wanted their voices of compassion and inclusivity to be heard in response to the backlash by Marpole residents who opposed the 78-unit modular housing project for homeless people. They organized a rally, created gift packages to welcome the new residents and stood up to the fear and campaign of misinformation that tried to stop the project. Hear this inspiring story by two of the students involved: Ishmam Bhuiya and Zainab Sayedain. Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee

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 our Hewett Hall table from 12:15 – 1 pm. *Sheila* (R), Connect & Engage Committee. For more information, visit: <http://tiny.cc/ucvdsd>

ART EXHIBITION: June 4 – July 31. Delightful mixed media creations from the Developmental Association in the Sanctuary and Fireside room. Opening reception June 15, 5:00 – 8:30 pm. All are welcome.

2ND SUNDAY BOOK CLUB: E. McKinstry will present *Smoke Gets in Your Eyes* by Caitlin Doughty, mortician extraordinaire, diva, celebrity, founder of Order of the Good Death & Ask a Mortician, her autobiography re: crematorium work, advocating changes in the death industry—it's a wild humorous ride -- enjoy! 12:30 pm in the Biddle room.

Celebration of Worship: June 10, 2018

Prelude	<i>Passion; Tarantella; Unrest</i>	Felix Mendelssohn* E. Dainow, piano
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Hymn #347		<i>Gather the Spirit</i>
Special Presentation		Outreach Opportunities Fund
Story for All Ages		Read by Rev. Steve Epperson
Let's sing the children out " <i>Go now...</i> "		
Welcome and Announcements		Julia Myers
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Julia Myers
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Venetian Boatsong #4</i>	Felix Mendelssohn E. Dainow, piano
Meditation – Spoken, then Silent		Rev. Steven Epperson
Musical Response	<i>Morning Song</i>	Felix Mendelssohn E. Dainow, piano
Homily	<i>Healing and Reconciliation?</i> Rev. Steven Epperson	
Closing Hymn #207		<i>Earth Was Given as a Garden</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>	

* *The Mendelssohn family changed their name to Bartholdy to avoid anti-semitism and so sometimes one sees the composer listed as Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy. – Elliott*

Next Sunday Service: June 17, 2018

Coming of Age – Bridging

UCV Coming of Age Youth

UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

RICHMOND POTLUCK DINNER: Tues, June 12th! One part "Hello, neighbour," one part *hygge*, this potluck supper is for UCV friends and families living in the catchment area which includes Delta, Richmond, Surrey and White Rock to get together, get to know each other, and spend a relaxed evening of conversation and good food. Surprise yourself and make a few new friends. It's at 9260 No. 2 Road, Richmond. Doors open at 5:30; supper at 6:30 [Park at the rear of Tapestry Church].

HYGGE (POTLUCK): DINNERS are usually on the 3rd Saturday at 6 pm. Jeannie Corsi and Caede Pungente will host on June 16th. RSVP to 604-224-1040. Note: wheelchair accessible. Volunteer to host a dinner, contact ucvhygge@gmail.com. Either in your home or at UCV.

SPRING COFFEEHOUSE: Come on out to our annual Spring Coffeehouse hosted by our own Jane Slemon! Saturday, June 16th. Messy Church Potluck Dinner at 5 pm, Coffeehouse stage open at 7 pm. All ages, all levels of talent welcomed!

SUMMER SOLSTICE RITUAL & PLANT SWAP: Sunday, June 17, 2:30 – 4 pm (immediately after the general meeting). Come and enjoy a seasonal ritual, labyrinth introduction, herbal tea and plant swap. Sandy Riecken, Mary Bennett, Vera Wojna. unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com (We would really like some thyme for the labyrinth. We have lots of calendula, mint and chives to give away.) This is supported by a Neighbourhood Small Grant from Vancouver Foundation and South Van Neighbourhood House. Neighbours and friends are very welcome. Visit www.vancouverunitarians.ca/labyrinth for more information.

Please note that our own **Mr. Sharp** will be available during this time for all your knife-sharpening needs!

UCV COMPASSION CIRCLE: UCV Compassion Circle now inviting new members: Come to the next meeting on Sun June 17 from approximately 2:15 – 3:15 pm, following the EGM. Email Lynn Armstrong (lynnbea@gmail.com) or Mairy Beam (mairyelesbea@gmail.com) to RSVP or for more info. At that meeting you'll hear more about the Circle, and learn about the upcoming year-long Compassion Course Online (www.compassioncourse.org/), which complements the practice in the Circle.

KIDS TAKEOVER FORUM: Come to the 4th Sunday Arts & Culture **Forum on June 24** to share your ideas, hopes and fears about what will happen when the kids take over! Comments and questions: kidstakeoverucv@gmail.com There will be Pharoah Frog, ATCs, Bumblebees and Butterflies and ice cream at the end. 12:30 – 1:30 pm, Fireside.

MOVEABLE FEAST FOR JUNE: Dinner will be overlooking beautiful False Creek from Mahony and Sons, 601 Stamps Landing, <https://mahonyandsons.com> June 30th at 6:00 pm. To reserve a place at the table email dcrosbie@uniserve.com

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 17 EGM

The EGM will be held on JUNE 17th after the service. All members of UCV are urged to attend as we will be voting on the budget for 2018/19, and a proposal from the redevelopment task force. The agenda and budget have been sent via email to members, and paper copies are available in the office. Forms to assign proxy votes are on the UCV webpage and in the office.

UCV REDEVELOPMENT PLANNING: “What do we need to know to make an informed decision?”
Proposed Phase 2 of the UCV Property Redevelopment Planning. A motion for Members’ Approval will be presented to the June 17th Extraordinary General Meeting. Phase 2 involves the expenditure of up to \$25,000 from church alternative funds to prepare the business plan for redevelopment of part of the UCV campus. This work will provide the information needed for members to make an informed decision in 2019 as to whether or not to proceed to redevelopment. The mandate of the committee was to explore the possibilities of generating additional on-going revenue for the church and building of affordable housing. Copies of the phase 1 committee and project reports are available via Marcus Hynes in the office (marcus@vancouverunitarians.ca)

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Office staff are looking for volunteers to provide a presence at the reception desk on Sundays from 10 am - 1 pm. Responsibilities include monitoring the office doors and greeting visitors, assisting people with the photocopier, answering basic administrative questions, and passing inquiries for which they don’t have an answer on to the office staff. Training will be provided. If interested, please call Aurora at 604-261-7204, extension 224, or email ca@vancouverunitarians.ca.

CO-EDITOR FOR UCV EVENTS NEEDED: After three and a half years, Mary Bennett has stepped down as co-editor of UCV Events. Margo Elfert will continue. We use MS Publisher. Please contact Margo if you’d like to know more. ucvevents@gmail.com

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.)

NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS: More at: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/neighbourhood-groups/>. Contact ucvconnect@gmail.com to be added to your neighbourhood’s email list.

UCV WILDERNESS CAMP: Are you searching for a restorative week surrounded by natural beauty? Fry Creek is the place for you! This magical camp, founded by Phillip Hewett and others 53 years ago, is on the east shore of Kootenay Lake. Come discover the calm harmony that’s hard to find in the busy city - no cell phone service and no internet! If you feel like socializing, there are Unitarians from Vancouver, Rossland, Calgary, Nelson, Seattle and other places in the Pacific Northwest. If you feel like solitude, there’s lots and lots of room to explore on land or on water, and beautiful places to quietly sit, read, draw, listen and look. The camp is open during July and August. Everything you need to know can be found here: <https://kootenaywildernesscamping.org/> For additional information, contact dcrosbie@uniserve.com

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: The Outreach Opportunities Fund will be collecting for the Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society (OWL) from June to September. OWL is a non-profit organization whose staff and volunteers are dedicated to public education and the rehabilitation and release of injured and orphaned raptors.

ONLINE ROOM BOOKINGS: Committee heads and congregants are encouraged to try requesting room bookings using our new online bookings form, found at <https://ucv.mid.as/webrequest.pl>. If you have questions or run in to any problems, please contact Marcus at 604-261-7204 or marcus@vancouverunitarians.ca.



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OUTSIDE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CREATIVE ARTS ELIOT CAMP 2018 for UUs and their Friends and Families. *Creative Arts Eliot* takes place in Seabeck, WA, August 11-15, 2018, and offers UUs and friends a multi-generational camp experience with workshops in Photography, Poetry, Painting, Songwriting and more. Campers choose one or two workshops to focus on and spend the rest of their time enjoying the waterfront, campfires, singing, UU community, games, evening programs and entertainment, including an Extravaganza on the last day to showcase everyone's creativity. For more info, contact Eliotregistrar@gmail.com or visit our website at www.eliotinstitute.org.

FARMERS ON 57TH CSA HARVEST BOX PROGRAM: Eat fresh urban farm & organically grown veg for \$30/week, June-October. Flowers available too. More details at www.farmerson57th.ca.

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Pat Johnson, Amy Megumi Anderson

LUNCH

No lunch today

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

Geoff Rempel, Karin Hall

CARETAKER(S)

Paul Nash, Edgar Silveira

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

The wall hanging above the stage was created by Donna Hamilton for the UUA General Assembly in 1995.



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

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Rev. Steven Epperson

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