



Photo credit: *Dagmar Hochova, Prague, 1968* (demonstrators carrying a sign in Russian that says “Go home” and photos of Alexander Dubcek and Tomas Masaryk – Masaryk was married to Charlotte Garrigue, an American Unitarian).

Democracy

Rev. Steven Epperson

June 24, 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:

Beginning of Summer Party Today! All visitors and children ages 2-15+ will be Outside in the garden on the North slope facing the parking lot. Today is a day of games and a Garden Scavenger Hunt followed by a family picnic after the service.

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 families are invited to join us in the garden to picnic. **Children age 8 and younger** must be met in the garden and signed out by a responsible adult.

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

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

KIDS TAKEOVER FORUM: We'll start with making chalice ATC's (Artist Trading Cards) and playing Pharoah Frog. At 1pm we'll start a discussion about the imminent Kids Takeover of UCV. Several tables will be set up to discuss different aspects. You can be a bumblebee and stay at one table throughout or be a butterfly and flit from table to table. Come and share your ideas, hopes and fears about what will happen when the kids take over! Comments and questions: kidstakeoverucv@gmail.com Stay till the end and there will be ice cream at 1:30 pm.

Celebration of Worship: June 24, 2018

Prelude	<i>Gavotte Variée</i>	Jean-Phillipe Rameau* Eric Wyness, Piano
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Hymn #65		<i>The Sweet June Days</i>
Story for All Ages		Read by Rev. Steven Epperson
Let's sing the children out " <i>Go now...</i> "		
Welcome and Announcements		Mairy Beam
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Mairy Beam
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Fanfarinette</i>	Jean-Phillipe Rameau* Eric Wyness, Piano
Meditation – Spoken, then Silent		Rev. Steven Epperson
Musical Response	<i>Promenade du film Diva</i>	Vladimir Cosma Eric Wyness, Piano
Sermon		<i>Democracy</i> Rev. Steven Epperson
Closing Hymn #121		<i>We'll Build a Land</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>	

* 'One could say Rameau's searching variations seem like an exploration of all possible ways of thinking about his theme - perhaps a symbol of the free thought and feeling necessary for both democracy and a life well lived. His *Fanfarinette* and *Cosma's Promenade* are two (quite different) evocations of beauty and love.' – Eric Wyness

Next Sunday Service: July 1, 2018

The Spirit Flag

Keith Wilkinson

UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

EARTH SPIRIT COUNCIL: Next monthly **Earth Spirit Circle** will be 1st Tuesday in July. Join us in Hirschmanova, 6 – 7 pm. **Paganism 101** course will be offered on the 4th Tuesday, 7 – 9:30 pm from September to June. Suggested donation for non-members: \$50.

Circle Dance Basics: If you've been considering sacred circle dance but feel your two left feet might need some extra TLC – this is for you. Mairy and Mary are offering the “basics” for beginners only on the 1st Tuesdays in July and August, 7:30 – 9 pm.

Subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter at vancouverunitarians.ca/earth-spirit. Email: earthspiritucv@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER POT LUCK LUNCH: If you've become a UCV member within the past 5 years, you're invited to a POT LUCK LUNCH, to meet other recent members, on Saturday, September 8th, noon – 3:00 pm, in the Fireside Room (Hewett Centre). Please contact Vivian Davidson at vdavidsonc@gmail.com to register & let her know what food you'll bring. Sponsored by the Connect & Engage Team - Vivian, Cathy, Sheila

SUBSCRIBE: Sign up to get email reminders about upcoming news and events here: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/newsletter>

Click here for the monthly calendar of all upcoming events: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/calendar/>

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO A BC HYDRO PLANNED POWER OUTAGE, THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, JUNE 28.

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.

SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for more Volunteers for our Summer Children's Garden and Art program. Any Sunday without volunteers, children will remain in worship with their parents. You can sign-up on our website: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/community/volunteer>. Our Summer program is small and laid back, focused on games, gardening, and art led by volunteer guides and parents. Activities are open to both members and visitors. Everyone attends the start of service together through the chalice lighting, opening hymn, and story for all ages.

PREPARE FOR PRIDE: Vancouver Pride is Sunday, August 5th. How will we celebrate? Interested in helping to communicate our status as a Welcoming Congregation and support of persons of all genders and orientations? Contact sharingucv@gmail.com <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/about-us/welcoming/> Did you know that we officially certified as a Welcoming Congregation in 1995?

- there's a program called Living the Welcoming Congregation?
- the Canadian Unitarian Council was an influential and strong voice in the legalization of same-sex marriage in Canada?
- there's a transgender flag?
- the communications committee is interested in purchasing one or more flags to display during Pride week?

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.)

SOUTH VANCOUVER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP: Muriel, Stanley and Sandy are trying to get a South Vancouver Neighbourhood Group going. Perhaps a monthly potluck in Muriel & Jack's home and/or occasional event at UCV. If you self-identify as living in South Vancouver (roughly south of 41st – but all welcome) send an email to ucv-connect@gmail.com and we'll add you to the email list so you can post your suggestions.

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.

WALK OUR LABYRINTHS: For a meditative experience, please feel free to walk our two labyrinths at any time. The 3-circuit classical labyrinth is made from concrete pavers in the courtyard. The garden path labyrinth on the east side of the sanctuary is a double processional. Feel free to pick calendula blossoms and sprigs of lavender as you walk. Web: www.vancouverunitarians.ca/labyrinth Email: unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com

LOVE SOUP! last Sunday was a big success. You hit a homerun! It was a great way to finish our fourth season. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your ongoing support. Have a great Summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September! – Amy Megumi Anderson

VISITING MDIV STUDENT AND LONGTIME UNITARIAN from Northern California, Clovis A. Lewis, seeking 6 months accommodation in Vancouver for himself and his wife. For more information about Clovis or to read some of his sermons, visit <https://clovicelewis.weebly.com/>. He can be contacted at clewis@ses.skism.edu or by phone at (707) 972-0129.

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.

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

FLOWERS

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

SOUND

GREETERS

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

CARETAKER(S)

Melody Mason

Carolyn Innes

Aphrodite Harris, Hilda Wiebe

Rob Greig

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

Eleanore Dunn, Nancy Strider

Paul Nash, Igor Santizo

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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