



What Do We Do When We Worship?

Rev. Steven Epperson

March 4, 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 11:15-12:15. 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

We gather together on the 1st Sunday of each month for whole congregation worship. On these days both children and adults participate in explorations, programs, and small groups at 9:30 am and then attend worship together at 11:00.

Worshipping together is a learning experience for everyone. To parents and responsible adults, we offer some tips to help you and your children be at ease:

- Mother Nature put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in our church.
- Sit towards the front where your child can see what is going on; backs of heads are boring! Help your child by being a role model.

- Gently and quietly remind them what we do in worship and explain what is going on.
- Answer your child's questions with a quiet whisper—they often whisper back.
- Encourage your child to work with their 'Buddy Bag' to help them concentrate on worship.
- If you have to leave the service with your child, please feel free to come back. We believe children belong in sacred spaces.
- The service can also be heard in the foyer and in Hewett Hall where a playroom is open for your use.

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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

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.

FORUM: 12:30 pm, Fireside Room. *Electric Cars Now*, Jim Stephenson, North Shore Unitarian Church. Will your next vehicle have an electric motor? Jim has driven a Nissan Leaf electric car for years, so he knows about gas and maintenance savings, rebates, and any unforeseen problems. He has followed climate change for many years and knows how to reduce one's carbon footprint.
Sponsor: Environment Team

LUNCH TODAY: Deliciously prepared and served by the UCV Refugee Family Sponsor Group. This group sponsors our UCV refugee families in Vancouver. Lunch proceeds go directly to helping these new immigrant families settle in.

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.

Celebration of Worship: March 4, 2018

Prelude	<i>April Afternoon Naramata Shakespeare's Sister</i>	Jeannie Corsi* Jeannie Corsi Jeannie Corsi E. Dainow, piano
Invocation	<i>Blessing Chant</i>	L. Jarvis With the Chalice Choir
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Hymn #389		<i>Gathered Here in the Mystery</i>
Story for All Ages		Read by Rev. Steven Epperson
Welcome and Announcements		Marg Fletcher
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Marg Fletcher
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Warrior</i>	K. Baryluk With Beth Breisnes, Kat Vreisima-Magnuson, Erin Moulding
Meditation – spoken, then silent		Rev. Steven Epperson
Musical Response	<i>Down in the River</i>	Traditional / arr. L. Nickel With the Chalice Choir
Homily		What Do We Do When We Worship? Rev. Steven Epperson
Closing Hymn #123		<i>Spirit of Life</i>
Closing Words		Rev. Steven Epperson
Extinguishing the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson



Valediction

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.
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** In honour of Women's Day this week I am playing music by Jeanni, who is a member of our congregation. ~ Elliott*

Next Sunday Service: March 11, 2018

Tolerance and Toleration

Annual Partner Church Service. Homily written by the late Rev. Dr. Phillip Hewett; read by Gavin Grandish. Special collection following the service to support Burundian refugee students studying in Rwanda.

UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

METRO VANCOUVER UNITARIAN GATHERING: Saturday, April 7, 9 am to 9 pm at UCV. Doors at 8:30 am. If you need help with online registration, come to our information table in the Sanctuary Foyer after the service today. 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 at 604-224-1040 if you are able to help in any way.

SPECIAL EVENT THIS WEEK: UCV is hosting a three-day series of events related to remembering the Japanese Earthquake/Tsunami with music, lectures and textile art. Wed & Fri evenings and Thursday workshop 10 am – 4 pm. For details go to: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/tsunami-damaged-kimono-fabric-reimagined/> or contact Tama Copithorne <tcopi@shaw.ca>

SACRED CIRCLE DANCE: on Tuesday, March 6. “*Balance and Equality: Celebrating Women’s Day and the Spring Equinox*” (weaving by Mairy). Collaborative Teaching.

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.

GLAD: GATHERING FOR LABYRINTH ART & DANCE: Thursday, March 15, 11 am – 1pm. With a theme of Equality, we’ll celebrate the Spring Equinox and International Women’s Day. Facilitated by Mary Bennett and Darlene Rainbow. circledanceucv@gmail.com

CONTEMPLATIVE COLLAGE: Thursday, March 15, 2 – 4 pm. A new offering. Come and enjoy a quiet, relaxing afternoon together. A meditative time to choose images and put them together creatively. Scissors, glue and images provided. Inspired by the Unitarian Church of Montreal. Please RSVP to Mary sharingucv@gmail.com

BE A PART OF UCV'S VANCOUVER RAIN WALK TEAM: Register online to participate in Inspire Health's Rain 5k Walk fundraiser Saturday, March 24th, 9 am to 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.

MOVABLE FEAST: Saturday, March 31. The March Movable feast will be at Heirloom Vegetarian Restaurant, 1509 West 12th at Granville, heirloomrestaurant.ca. We meet at 6:00 pm. Wheelchair accessible at separate entrance. RSVP To Dianne Crosbie, dcrosbie@uniserve.com

PASSOVER SEDER/DINNER: Save the Date! Friday, April 6, 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Contact: Sheila sresels@telus.net

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 604-261-7204.

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS: Next up: South Vancouver is beginning to plan for their first gathering. Send an email to ucvconnect@gmail.com to be added to your neighbourhood email group. More at: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/neighbourhood-groups/>

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANVASS 2018 – NOURISHING COMPASSION TOGETHER: Yes, we're getting ready for our annual pledge drive! Many tasks - large and small. If you can help in some way, please phone Eleanor Dunn at 604-251-1943 (and mention condolences on her recently broken leg!).

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.

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.

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

Catherine Stewart

FLOWERS

Lorraine Calame

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Jean Stanton, George Atherton

SOUND

Rob Taylor

LUNCH

Refugee Committee Subcommittee

GREETERS

Ursula Litzcke, Denise Nereida, Melody Mason, Gerda Schulz

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Karin Hall, Wendy Bryan

CARETAKER(S)

Paul Nash, Edgar Silveira

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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