



Zion Watchman and the Virgin River, Nate Zeman

Peace Like A River?

Rev. Steven Epperson

September 30, 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 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.

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Karen Hertz, Catherine Hembling, Ingrid Luters

FLOWERS

Lorraine Calame

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

David Buchanan, Leslie Hill

SOUND

Hans Elfert

GREETERS

Margo Elfert, Pat Johnson, Denise Nereida, Paul Prescod

LUNCH

UCV Youth Group

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

George Atherton, Karen Bartlett

CARETAKER(S)

Edgar Silveira, Igor Santizo

TODAY AT UCV

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

SERMON DISCUSSION, 12:15 – 1 pm at a designated table in the Hall. Newcomers/regulars welcome!

FORUM: "*Field, Forage and Feast: the Japanese Kitchen Garden*" – Makiko Suzuki presenter, Tama Copithorne and Amy Anderson facilitators.

YASODHARA VANCOUVER INVITES YOU TO SATSANG: Yasodhara Vancouver invites you to Satsang. Sunday, Sep. 30, 1:00 pm in Hirschmanova. An hour of uplifting songs, ceremony and chanting. This spiritual tradition emphasizes the devotional and nurturing qualities of the Divine Feminine. During my stay at the ashram many Unitarian songs and ideals came to me. They inspired me to share with you Satsang. This is a free event - any questions, contact Elektra at 604-215-2786.

Families with Children, Welcome!

Our Director of Religious Exploration, Kiersten Moore, coordinates a team of staff and volunteer teachers to provide programming for children (up to age 12) and youth (secondary school age). We build community, explore traditions and spiritual practices, ask big questions, and nurture individual power to bring love and justice forward. Visit our website for more information www.vancouverunitarians.ca or email Kiersten at dre@vancouverunitarians.ca There are many volunteer opportunities within the program and it is a great way to be involved, deepen spirituality, and build connections.

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.

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.

Children and Youth on Sundays

Everyone begins the morning together in the Sanctuary for the first 10-15 minutes of Worship through the *Story for All Ages*. The First Sunday of each month everyone remains in the Sanctuary for Worship together (nursery care is available during all-ages services), 2nd to 5th Sundays children (up to 12) and youth (13-19) continue their Explorations across the courtyard in Hewett Centre. **Responsible adults must pick up children under age 9 from their classroom at 12:15**, Youth Group runs until 12:30, older children and youth will be released to meet their family in the Hall for coffee hour. You may join your child in Explorations, but we encourage giving them their own time whenever possible.

Colour Buttons Identify Teachers and Advisers

Orange: Toddler Watch--attending to babies and children under 4 within the Children's Program.

Green: Children's Program Leaders and Assistants

Yellow: Youth Advisers

Children and babies are always welcome in our worship services. 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 explain what is going on, how people are listening or participating.
- 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 your child needs to leave the service, 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.

Celebration of Worship: September 30, 2018

Prelude	<i>Flow Gently, Sweet Afton Prelude in G</i>	Robert Burns & J. Spilman J.S. Bach Eric Wyness, piano*
Invocation	<i>The Waters of Babylon</i>	P. Hayes With the Chalice Choir
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Hymn	<i>#118 I've Got Peace Like A River</i>	
Story for All Ages		Read by Rev. Steven Epperson
<i>Let's sing the children out...</i>		
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>Odeon – Tango Brasileiro</i>	Ernesto Nazareth Eric Wyness, piano*
Meditation, Spoken then Silent		
Musical Response/Anthem	<i>Down in the River</i>	Traditional, arr. L Nickel With the Chalice Choir
Homily		Rev. Steven Epperson
	<i>Peace Like A River?</i>	
Closing Hymn	<i>#1064 Blue Boat Home</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>	
Postlude	<i>Sarabande</i>	J.S. Bach BWV 1012.4 Eric Wyness, piano*

* Rivers have strikingly different aspects, so I've picked music to reflect that – a rushing torrent of a Bach prelude, BWV 902.1, a cheerful, exotic Brazilian tango from over a century ago, by the great master of such music, Ernesto Nazareth and a sweet but deep intimate night piece of a sarabande – think of a broad wide slow-moving river, reflecting moon and stars, arranged from JSB's solo 'cello suite in D.

There are many river songs, but I especially love the old Scots ballad *Flow Gently Sweet Afton*. - ('*My Mary's asleep by thy murmuring stream, Flow gently, sweet Afton, disturb not her dream*') - Robert Burns, 1791. ~Eric Wyness

UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

EARTH SPIRIT CIRCLE MONTHLY GATHERING: Tue, Oct 2, 2018 at 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. RSVP appreciated but not required. earthspiritucv@gmail.com.

CIRCLE DANCE: Justice will flow down like water, and peace like an ever-flowing stream. Tue, Oct 2, 7:00 – 9:00 pm – Hall. The Fall Equinox has passed and so it is the season to honour water. We seek inspiration from the way water carves mountains as we stand up to the repressive forces of the day. We honour all those who have taken a stand for justice and peace. We seek inspiration in the music honouring them and inspiring them. Coordinator: Mairy Beam – If you'd like to suggest a dance send to mairyelesbea@gmail.com

OCTOBER 7 FORUM: Meet the Kinder Morgan Arrestees! Four UCV members chose to cross the injunction line at the Kinder Morgan site and face arrest, jail time, and fines. One other member faces a lawsuit and potential bankruptcy. Why did they do this? Hear their personal stories and their experiences with the police and legal system. We will also hear from a lawyer who will speak on the legal implications and potential future developments now that the company has been bought by the Canadian government. Sponsored by the Environment Team

THANKSGIVING CIRCLE DANCE: Mon. Oct. 8, 7 – 9 pm, Hall. We'll circle dance for thanksgiving. Come along and, if you can, bring a snack to share our abundance. RSVP appreciated but not required to Mary Bennett circledanceucv@gmail.com

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUL COLLAGE GROUP? Would you be interested in a regular time to get together to create soul collages? Coral Heron is a registered soul collage facilitator and is interested in forming a group at UCV. Contact coralheron@shaw.ca with your preferred time and date. More info at soulcollage.com

THE UCV BOOK GROUP next meet on Oct 14 from 12:30 – 2:00 pm, in Biddle. The book *Forgiveness* by Mark Sakamoto invites you to a unique view of some Canadian history, of Japanese and Canadians from both sides of the Pacific, through his family story.

NEW ART EXHIBITION: Paintings by Richard Reiner. Self-taught, Richard paints in acrylics. He favors a realistic style with a preference for outdoor scenery. His works include rocky English Bay from Jericho Park and places in Richmond including the colourful Finn Slough community. On now though the end of September.

NEW BENCHES FOR UCV CAMPUS: The Buildings and Grounds Committee has approved the design for new benches in the public areas of the campus, replacing the remaining aging structures. A prototype is installed in the East Memorial Garden. The \$900 cost of this new bench is being paid for in part by a member (a larger 3-person version will be more).

We invite other members and adherents to contribute to the funding for these new benches. Individual donations or donations from groups and families are welcome. A commemorative plaque can be included if there is a wish to recognize a person or a UCV project. Arrangement for a charitable receipt can be made. For more information please contact Michael Clague: mclague@telus.net

COFFEE SERVICE: Thanks to those who have offered to help. Much appreciated! We still have a couple of regular spots to fill. We need servers for the 3rd and 4th Sunday of each month. If you can't commit to be a regular helper, please consider becoming a spare. Please contact Eva Allan at eallan@telus.net or at 604-738-4062.

GENDERS AND SEXUALITIES ALLIANCE: We plan to recertify as a congregation welcoming to LGBTQ+ members and visitors. Would you join our GSA (Genders and Sexualities Alliance)? Mary Bennett – sharingucv@gmail.com
<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/about-us/lgbtq/>



JOIN OUR SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS (AKA THE USHERS): We are looking for people who have one hour once a month to volunteer and join us in welcoming visitors and members of the congregation to Sunday morning worship service. Greeters hand out the Order of Service and collect the offertory. After the offertory you can sit in the Sanctuary for the remainder of the service. This is a pleasant way to meet other people, and to take a role in the life of our community. You will join an experienced team of greeters on the Sunday of your choice. No experience necessary – on the job training provided! For more information, please contact Denise Nereida at 604-731-7630 / ditzah@telus.net or Margo Elfert at 604-276-1610 / margoe@telus.net

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Office staff are looking for volunteers to provide a presence at the reception desk on Sundays from 10 am - 1 pm. Training will be provided. If interested, please call Aurora at 604-261-7204, extension 224, or email ca@vancouverunitarians.ca.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND NOMINATIONS: Every year, the OOF Committee selects three recipients to be given 25% of the funds from the Sunday collection. Traditionally, the committee has selected the beneficiaries of the fund but this year we would first like to seek nominations from the wider congregation. Nominated organizations must comply with OOF's selection criteria. For more information go to the UCV website or check the notice board in Hewett Hall for nomination forms. Contact Melody Mason with any queries.

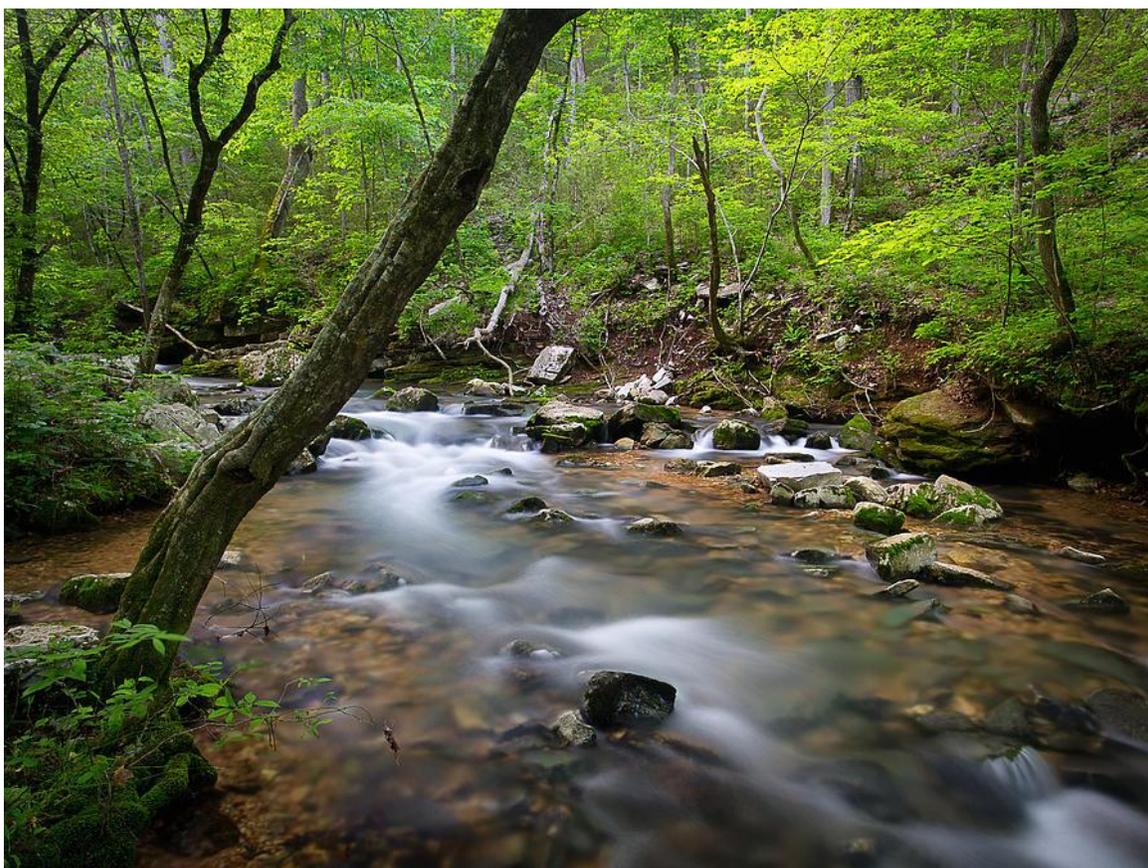
OTHER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS:

- New Westminster: Rob Dainow (rdainow@shaw.ca)
- East Vancouver: Mairy Beam (mairyelesbea@gmail.com) and Paul Prescod (paul@prescod.net)
- Richmond/South of the Fraser: Drew Lemen (lemen.drew@gmail.com)
- Westside: Jeannie Corsi – contact ucvconnect@gmail.com
- Fairview/False Creek – Vivian Davidson (vcdavidsen@gmail.com)

Is your neighbourhood not listed? Would you like to meet Unitarians who live near you? Contact Mary Bennett ucvconnect@gmail.com for help at connecting with your neighbours. Mary can offer some suggestions of how to get started and facilitate introductions.

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.)

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE is exploring the idea of creating opportunities for people to bring their small household appliances to have them repaired (as we are able). We would like to hear from those who have a talent for making your appliances work again. If you enjoy fixing things, and would like to volunteer, please contact tweedyx4@hotmail.com or leave a message at 604-733-0370 or 604-261-7204.



"A River Runs Through It", John Bingaman

Next Sunday Service: October 7, 2018

Abundance: Celebrating Thanksgiving
Rev. Steven Epperson

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.

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