



Loving Determination

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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.



*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.

TODAY AT UCV

MEDITATION: Join us for the Sunday morning sitting meditation at 10 – 10:45 am in the Meditation Room. There is brief guidance at the beginning of each sit. Inquiries: victoriaoginski@gmail.com

LOVE SOUP! is on today, March 17! Please come and enjoy our delicious soup, fresh salad, yummy dessert and tasty Terra Bread! We will be waiting for you in our friendly dining room in the Hewett Centre after the service.

SERMON DISCUSSION: 12:15 – 12:45 pm at a designated table in the Hall. Newcomers/regulars welcome!

FORUM: *UCV Redevelopment Update* - The demographic and membership work group has completed a draft report that looks into the future prospects for UCV in membership, pledging, and donations. The Application for Rezoning Advice has been submitted to the City of Vancouver (features will be on display). Several technical reports have been completed. Illustrations of the site massing (but not designs or sketches) of the proposed non-market residence and new Hewett Centre have been done. Work continues on the financial projections for the emerging business plan. – Michael Clague, Gordon Gram and Margaret Fletcher

THE ENVIRONMENT TEAM is meeting today in the Lindsey Room at 9:30. Interested or curious to hear what is going on? Come by and check out what we are doing within the church, around town, and beyond!

ART EXHIBIT: March 1 to April 30 - in the Sanctuary and Fireside Room, inkjet prints by member Catherine Stewart. For the duration of this exhibit, 50% of any sales will be donated to the UCV Refugee Fund! To inquire about purchasing, please speak with Catherine or contact her at stewartcm@shaw.ca.

Families with Children, Welcome!

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 pm, Youth Group runs until 12:30 pm, 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.

Mystery Pals, March 31-May 5: Sign-up by March 24th to be a Pal to someone older or younger than yourself—Knowing each other helps create a safe and connected community—this is a chance to bridge generation gaps between those who might not meet on a regular Sunday. More information and sign up forms are on the bulletin boards and welcome table or email Kiersten at

families@vancouverunitarians.ca

* *Tom Rawson has joined us many times to provide upbeat and meaningful music and once again it is my sincere pleasure to welcome him here today. – Elliott*

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

BOOK BASH: The next UCV Book Bash will be held on March 24 from 9 am – 2 pm. There will be hundreds of gently used books in all genres selling from \$1- \$5. Please donate any books you are finished with to the library on Sundays. We need volunteers for short shifts to help us prepare for the sale on Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23, and to help with the sale on March 24. Contact David - davidfbuchanan@gmail.com. Thank you!

GLAD GATHERING FOR LABYRINTH, ART & DANCE: Thursday, March 21, 11 am – 1 pm. This monthly mid-day break starts with creating a centerpiece from natural objects and plants found around UCV. Then we circle dance for an hour, have a labyrinth walk, and then repeat a few of the favorite dances. This month we'll practice some of the dances that Jane Slemon's group will perform for us at the March 30 special event. Contact: circledanceucv@gmail.com. RSVP appreciated but not required.

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WANT TO ENRICH AND EMPOWER THE LIVES OF WOMEN? Thirteen women participated in a discussion group at the 4th Annual Women's Gathering (<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/events/annual-womens-gathering/>) and decided to form two women's groups. Both groups are now full. Contact Sheila at sresels@gmail.com if you would like to register for a third women's group (date TBD).

WORSHIP AS A BEACON FOR CONGREGATIONAL GROWTH: A webinar being offered on Saturday, March 30, 9:30 – 12:30 PT (12:30 – 3:30 ET). Cost: \$35 per session 30\$ per for groups of 3 - 6 see <https://cuc.ca/events/worship-as-a-beacon-for-congregational-growth/1553938200/1553949000/>

JES TRIO LIVE MUSIC CIRCLE DANCE: You've heard Jane Slemon and her trio JES on Sunday mornings and other events. On March 30, JES will perform 15 tunes including originals and lots of "CanCon". Early-bird fee of \$25 extended for UCV members. Space limited so advance registration recommended. circledanceucv@gmail.com Curious about the playlist? Just search for JES on the website!

SITE REDEVELOPMENT?: If you are uneasy about plans for redevelopment at UCV, please join a circle to share your concerns and ideas in the Sanctuary on March 31 at 12:15 pm. This will be a time to listen, not debate. Contact: Mairy (mairyelesbea@gmail.com) and Rob (rdainow@gmail.com)

FEMINIST BOOK CLUB! The next Zoom book club will be April 14 at 4 pm PDT. The book to be discussed is *The Red Word*, 2018 Governor General award winner for novel. Sponsored by Canadian UU Women's Association: <https://cuuwa.org/>. Local contact: Mary Bennett, maryinvancouver@gmail.com. Search "women" on website for other news and events.

GENDERS & SEXUALITIES ALLIANCE (GSA) POTLUCK AND FILM: Join us on Friday, May 3 for a potluck dinner at 6:30 pm. We will show the 2008 documentary film *She's a Boy I Knew* at 7:30 pm. RSVP appreciated: gsaucv@gmail.com Search the website for "GSA" to see other news and events.

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

UCV GENDERS & SEXUALITIES ALLIANCE (GSA) has made copies of the Canadian Unitarian Council statement: **CUC in Solidarity with Trans and Nonbinary UU's** on the UU Connections bulletin board in Hewett Centre. Upcoming events: search vancouverunitarians.ca for 'GSA'. Questions or comments: gsaucv@gmail.com.

2019-2020 UCV DIRECTORY OF SMALL GROUPS AND COMMITTEES: Finding it hard to find out about the myriad activities that take place at UCV? Wanting to get involved with a group but not sure what's available? Our newly updated Directory will help you navigate our complex Unitarian community. You can find hard copies on the Welcome Tables or in the office. If you'd like an electronic version, please contact Sheila at sresels@gmail.com.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS: The library group is looking for a volunteer to welcome and help people who come into the UCV library on the second Sunday of the month for a few months. No experience necessary. We are looking for enthusiasm!

UCV WEBSITE NOTES:

- **Recent News:** Links to recent news posts on the UCV website appear in the Recent News section on the home page, right column.
- **Tracking Down a Past Sermon:** This is a recent news post on the UCV website – posted March 4 – that you can easily find even when it is no longer recent news. Search for "lit stall" "March 4" (all four quote marks included).

UCV NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS:

- New Westminster: Rob Dainow (rdainow@shaw.ca)
- East Vancouver: Mairy Beam (mairyelesbea@gmail.com) and Paul Prescod (paul@prescod.net)
- Westside: Jeannie Corsi & Sheila Resels – contact ucvconnect@gmail.com
- Fairview/False Creek – Vivian Davidson (vdavidsonsc@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.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: West Coast Environmental Law (WCEL) will be the recipient of OOF funding from 1 February to the end of May. Over the years, WCEL has worked with communities, NGOs, the private sector and all levels of government to develop legal solutions to protect the environment. It has supported First Nations in articulating, revitalizing and applying their laws to protect land, air and water and has taken a leadership role in developing models for co-governance in BC and Canada.

OLD REFRIGERATOR NEEDED! I (David Valentine) am a volunteer for a tiny theatre group and the play that I'm helping out with requires an older refrigerator. It needs to be a 50s, 60s, or 70s style fridge without a large freezer, like the kind our parents had. It should be a large one, and doesn't need to be working. Any leads will help! Please contact me at davidvalentine911@gmail.com or 604-838-3498 if you are able to help!

Do you receive our e-newsletters? If not, please go to vancouverunitarians.ca/newsletter to view recent newsletters (and sign up to receive in your inbox.)

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FARMERS ON 57TH: Registration is open for our 2019 Grow Your Own Food Course. Starts Thursday April 4. Costs \$300 and comes with a 4' X 6' instructional plot, all the tools and supplies you'll need and 12 instructional sessions every 2nd Thursday, 6:30-8pm. Urban farmers Karen & Jess guide you through every step of the season from soil prep, seed starting to crop maintenance and harvesting. Eat what you grow! Find more details at www.farmerson57th.ca.

Next Sunday Service: March 24, 2019

Religious Naturalism

Rev. Steven Epperson

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Karen Hertz, Kathy Sayers, Tatiana Burstyn

FLOWERS

Diane Donaldson

LUNCH

Love Soup!

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Frances Anderson, David Buchanan

SOUND

Kaelyn Elfert

GREETERS

Shirley McLeod, Carolyn Grant, Denise Nereida, John Boyle

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Hanno Pinder, George Atherton

CARETAKER(S)

Paul Nash, Matt Yeung



We actively welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities!

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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| PARISH MINISTER | Rev. Steven Epperson |
| COMMUNITY MINISTER | Rev. Laura Imayoshi |
| DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | Kiersten Moore |
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| MUSIC DIRECTOR | Elliott Dainow |
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| BOOKKEEPER | Gordon Lowe |
| LAY CHAPLAINS | Lauren Stokes, Cheryl Amundsen, Louise Bunn |

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