

Creativity – An All-Congregation Worship Service

Kiersten Moore & Rev. Steven Epperson
March 3, 2019



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

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

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY! Mary and Sheila will have a Focus Table in Hewett Hall from 10:15 to 1 pm with books from our library and information about various women's groups and initiatives here at UCV and around Vancouver. Come and find out how to join a women's group, International Women's Day, Feminist book clubs, Art+Feminism Wikipedia edit-a-thon and the Vancouver Growing Room Feminist Literary Festival.

COMPUTUTOR: Noon to 1 pm. Bring your questions, ideas and cell phone and/or laptop. Galen Elfert and John Henderson are resource people.

GENTLE CIRCLE DANCE. Come and get some gentle exercise to music in the Fireside Room 2 – 3:30 pm. Mairy Beam and Mary Bennett teach four dances that we repeat three times each so you can relax into it. Today we will practice four of the dances that will be part of the March 30th live music event with JES. circledanceucv@gmail.com

FORUM: Are you looking for ways to make climate-friendly behaviours easy and convenient, designed to add meaning and connection to your life? Through video and discussion, we will examine the uplifting, brilliant and paradigm shifting approach taken by Per Espen Stoknes, a psychologist with a PhD in Economics, Ted Talk global speaker, Parliamentarian, clean-tech entrepreneur, award winning author and serves as the director of Centre for Green Growth at the Norwegian Business School. Presented by Catherine Hembling and Enviro Team members. Fireside Room. 12:30 to 2:00 pm.

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 make inquiries about purchasing, please speak with Catherine or contact her by e-mail 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.

Sign-up on the Vancouver Unitarians website volunteer page to Bake a Cake! Everybody's Birthday is an annual celebration after Sunday Worship on March 10. Everyone sits at table with others born in the same month and the children serve salad, soup, and cake. It's lighthearted, friendly, and delicious. Lunch Donations cover costs and raise funds to support and enhance the Children's Religious Education programs. We need volunteers to pull this off! You can support the children by signing up to bake a cake, (we need 14), set-up tables, assist children with decorating, serve food, or clean-up. So many options to fit many levels of participation!

<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/community/volunteer/>

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

Celebration of Worship: March 3, 2019

Prelude *Euterpe (Muse of Poetry)* Michael East
Terpsichore (Muse of Dance) Michael East
Urania (Muse of Astronomy) Michael East
With Pat Unruh, Anne Duranceau & Edgar Bridwell*

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame Rev. Steven Epperson

Opening Hymn #346 *Come, Sing A Song With Me*

Welcome and Announcements Sheila Resels

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns Sheila Resels

Offering: *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.* *Browning a 3* Elway Bevin
With Pat Unruh, Anne Duranceau & Edgar Bridwell*

Meditation – Spoken, then Silent

Musical Response *Clio (Muse of History)* Michael East
With Pat Unruh, Anne Duranceau & Edgar Bridwell*

Skit for All Ages With Rev. Steven Epperson & Kiersten Moore

Hymn #118 *This Little Light of Mine*

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Closing Hymn #289 *Creative Love, Our Thanks We Give*

Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame Rev. Steven Epperson

Valediction *Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.*
Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.

Postlude *Variations on La Folia (improvised by Pat Unruh)* trad.
With Pat Unruh, Anne Duranceau & Edgar Bridwell*

** I am very happy to welcome Anne, Edgar and Pat to play for us. They are playing music written for the viol from around 1600 – trios on the muses, personifications of arts and science thought to give inspiration since Antiquity. The offering music is a set of variations on an English 16th-century popular tune called Browning. Variations on a theme are a very creative form as the numerous returns of the theme are always new and interesting. The postlude is a set of improvised variations on la Folia, and it could be said that improvisation may be the most impressive form of creativity. – Elliot*

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

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EARTH SPIRIT CIRCLE: On the first Tuesday (March 5) we gather in Hitschmanova to celebrate the turning of the seasons. Huguette will lead a ritual for Ostara, the Spring Equinox. earthspiritucv@gmail.com

FROM COLONIZATION TO RECONCILIATION: A READING AND DISCUSSION GROUP: Wednesdays, Feb 20; Mar 6, 20, & 27; April 3 & 10. Fireside Room, 7 – 9 pm. To begin to effect truth and reconciliation between settler Canada and First Nations peoples, we've been challenged to read foundational laws, treaties, Acts, and official Commission reports and recommendations. No prior knowledge or expertise is expected. Just a willingness to read, discuss, listen, learn and be changed. For more info and links, see <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/events/from-colonization-to-reconciliation-a-reading-and-discussion-group-2019-02-20/>

PRACTICING INTERACTIVE THEATRE FOR LIVING: We meet monthly to practice techniques in interactive, improvisational theatre. Anyone welcome! Wear comfortable clothes and be prepared for fun and insight. Next practice: Sat. March 9, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm in Hitschmanova. RSVP to host Rev. Meg Roberts to confirm practice, 778- 870-9015 or mroberts@uuma.org.

THE UCV SECOND SUNDAY BOOK GROUP will meet on March 10th at 12:30 pm in Biddle to discuss *Women Talking* by Miriam Toews, which deals with “a fictionalized story of a real life rape in a religious colony” (Guardian, Sept ‘18). Everyone is welcome.

INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVISTS DINNER: Friday, March 15. Environmental and Social Justice activists and supporters are invited to Hewett Hall to Share dinner, Swap stories with new friends, and meet veteran activists Dr. Tara Cullis, co-founder and president of the David Suzuki Foundation, Dr. David Steele, vice president of Earth Save Canada, Quoc Nguyen, organizer for Leadnow and Lorimer Shenher, acclaimed author and advocate for marginalized people and police reform. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner is served at 6 pm, and the program starts at 7 pm. Reserve a seat at Eventbrite.ca (intergen activists) or environment@vancouverunitarians.ca. The main course will be provided by UBC Community Eats. Appetizers or desserts will be gratefully appreciated. Sponsored by the Environment Team.

UCV WORDPRESS WEBSITE TRAINING: Do you want to let people know about an upcoming event? Learn to post it on our website. Next session: March 16. Register with Aurora, 604-261-7204 or ca@vancouverunitarians.ca Our website is on the wordpress platform and much of what you learn would be applicable to any wordpress website (the most popular website platform.) Search vancouverunitarians.ca for “computer” for more details or contact ucvconnect@gmail.com. All ages welcome.

NEW TO UCV BREAKFAST: Prior to the service Mar. 17, 2019 will be a breakfast, 9:30 am in the Fireside Room, for those having attended the “New to UCV Workshop”. UCV Committee chairs will provide information on activities at UCV. For those wanting to sign the membership book, Rev. Steven Epperson will witness your signature. For additional information, contact Dianne Crosbie at dcrosbie@uniserve.com or contact the church office at 604 261-7204.

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 not just one, but TWO NEW WOMEN’S GROUPS which meet monthly. One group meets on the third Monday of the month, 7:00-9:00 pm in the Fireside room (March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17) and the other group meets on the first Friday of the month from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Fireside room (March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7). Registration is required. Both groups are now full. Contact Sheila at sresels@gmail.com if you would like to be put on a wait list or if you’d like to be part of a third Women’s Group.

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!

JES TRIO LIVE MUSIC CIRCLE DANCE: Jane Slemon, Ellen van der Hoeven, and Susan Larkin weave a tapestry of instruments and a braid of their voices for the Live Music Circle Dance on Saturday, March 30. Early-bird fee of \$25 extended for UCV members as space permits. Register with office ca@vancouverunitarians.ca or 604-261-7204. The theme, *How Does Your Garden Grow?*, welcomes songs of growth, earth and stem and is rich in CanCon, including JES originals and songs by Connie Kaldor, David Francey and Ian Tamblyn. Questions? circledanceucv@gmail.com

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

MEET OUR NEW BOOKKEEPER! We are pleased to welcome Gordon Lowe to the UCV team as our new in-house bookkeeper! Gordon brings many years of church accounting experience to the role. You can find him at the office on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 3 pm, and on Fridays by appointment. You can also reach him by email at accounting@vancouverunitarians.ca or phone 2604-261-7204, ext 222.

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!

BECOME A WIKIPEDIA EDITOR: During March, some of us are learning about editing wikipedia. UCV had a wikipedia page but it was deleted for lack of external references. With help from our friends, it’s been restored, but we need to add references (e.g. books, media articles etc from secondary sources, i.e. not self-published) or it would disappear again. Galen and John can help you sign up for wikipedia today at the CompuTech help room.

FEMINIST BOOK CLUB? The first Canadian UU Women's Association cross-Canada book club meets on the 2nd Sunday (March 10) at 4 pm Pacific using zoom technology, <https://cuuwa.org/>. Locally Mary Bennett is involved. maryinvancouver@gmail.com.

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. In particular, 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.

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.)

Next Sunday Service: March 10, 2019

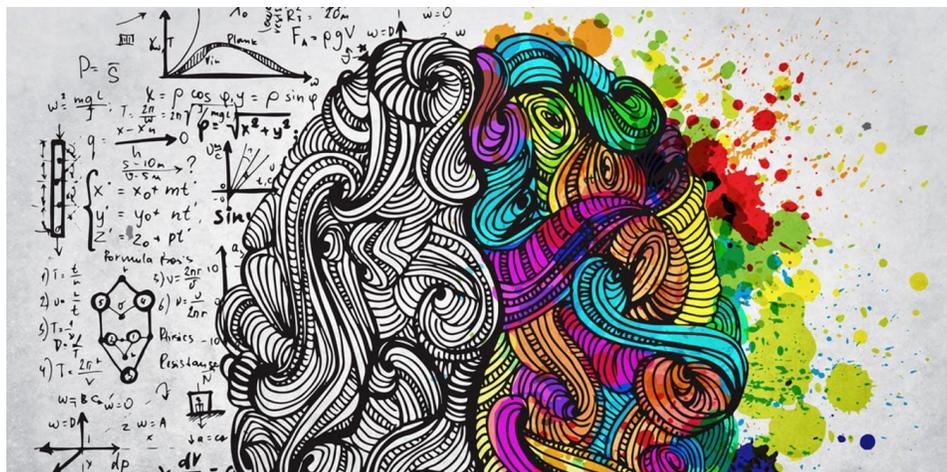
The Forgiveness of Clay

Rev. Shawna Foster

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS
FLOWERS
LUNCH
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL
SOUND
GREETERS
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE
CARETAKER(S)

Karen Hertz, Catherine Stewart, Pat MacBain
Rob Taylor
No lunch today
Jean Stanton, Lindsay Udem
Rob Taylor
Ursula Litzcke, Gerda Schulz, Margo Elfert
Audrey Cook, Karin Hall
Edgar Silveira





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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