



Amy Meissner, "Inheritance", 2016

‘Owning’ What We Create

Rev. Steven Epperson

March 31, 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

NEW TO UCV BREAKFAST: Prior to the service today, there will be a breakfast at 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.

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!

SITE REDEVELOPMENT? If you are uneasy about plans for redevelopment at UCV, please join a circle to share your concerns and ideas TODAY in the Fireside Room at 12:15 pm. Our intention in enlarging the redevelopment discussion is to provide space to others who may have concerns so that they can have a voice and we can all have a richer and more balanced (and perhaps inclusive) conversation about this very significant and critical step we are contemplating in the life of this community. This will be a time to listen, not debate. Contact: Mairy (mairyelesbea@gmail.com) or Rob (rdainow@gmail.com)

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.

TODAY is International Transgender Day of Visibility. Want to learn more about trans issues? Join our Genders and Sexualities Alliance: gsaucv@gmail.com

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 at 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 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.



Mary Wollstonecraft, 1759 – 1797



Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, 1797-1851

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

Now is the time to Renew your Ongoing Room Bookings for 2019-2020!

If you are part of a group or committee that meets regularly at UCV (including on Sundays before/after service), and you would like to continue using spaces into the next year, please **contact Marcus at the office to renew your bookings now**. Your timely attention and support is appreciated. Contact Marcus at marcus@vancouverunitarians.ca or by phone at 604-261-7204, x.0.

FIRST TUESDAY EARTH SPIRIT CIRCLE: 6 – 7 pm on Tuesday, April 2 in Hitschmanova. Jodie Miller will lead a ritual around the zodiac sign of Aries – the time we are now moving into. Join us. RSVP appreciated but not required. All are welcome. earthspiritucv@gmail.com

APRIL 7 FORUM: This presentation and discussion will focus on the plight of the endangered southern resident orca (killer whale) population, why the species is in crisis and how its plight is tightly connected to the health of the entire Salish Sea. Christianne Wilhelmson, Executive Director of the Georgia Strait Alliance, will talk about the health of the Strait, current threats to the region and how the various programs and campaigns of the Georgia Strait Alliance are working to address many of these threats, and how communities are and must play a part.

PRACTICING INTERACTIVE THEATRE FOR LIVING: We meet monthly to practice techniques in interactive, improvisational theatre. Anyone welcome! Wear comfortable clothes. Next practice: Saturday, April 13, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm in Hitschmanova. RSVP to host Rev. Meg Roberts to confirm practice: 778- 870-9015 or mroberts@uuma.org.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE for Maurice D. Copithorne, with participation of Vancouver Chamber Choir, will be held at 2:30 pm, Saturday, April 13, 2019 at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver. It will be followed by a reception. If you are able to attend or have any questions, please contact Tama Copithorne: tcopi@shaw.ca, tel. 604-224-2647. Thank you.

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.

PROMOTE YOUR EVENTS! We are planning two upcoming workshops to help UCV teams get the word out about their events. Register on the web or contact sharinguvcv@gmail.com. May 25, 1 to 4 pm: posters, flyers and brochures; June 1, 1 to 4 pm: design your team's web presence. For more details, see the events list on the web.

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

UCV'S VERY OWN OFFICE ASSISTANT Marcus Hynes will be exhibiting a selection of his illustration and graphic design works alongside 30 other visual artists, musicians, makeup artists, fashion designers, etc. as part of an upcoming interdisciplinary art show, [Raw Artists: Impact](http://www.rawartists.org/marcushynes), on Sunday, April 14, from 5 pm onward at Celebrities on Davie Street. Each participating artist is tasked with selling 20 tickets, which can be purchased online through <https://www.rawartists.org/marcushynes> or from Marcus directly. Tickets are \$20 each. Prints and posters will be available at the show. Your support would be very sincerely appreciated! For more information at Marcus' work, please visit <http://www.heyMarcus.ca>.

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 R. at sresels@gmail.com if you would like to register for a Third Women's Group (date TBD).

2019-2020 UCV DIRECTORY OF SMALL GROUPS AND COMMITTEES: Wanting to get involved with a group but not sure what's available? Our 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 e-version, contact Sheila R. at sresels@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.

UCV EVENTS PUBLISHER NEEDED: Margo will be stepping down in June. For someone familiar with MS publisher or adept at learning, this task is about 6 to 8 hours per month. It can be done at the UCV office or at your home. Contact Mary at sharinguvcv@gmail.com for this or other Communications team contributions.

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.

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 – 8 pm. 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: April 7, 2019

Embracing the Future

Rev. Steven Epperson

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS	Catherine Hembling, Randall MacKinnon, Eva Allan
FLOWERS	Lorraine Calame
LUNCH	No lunch today
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL	David Buchanan, Leslie Hill
SOUND	Hans Elfert
GREETERS	Margo Elfert, Pat Johnson, Hank Einarson, Paul Prescod, Jane Dermer
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Naomi Taylor, Karen Bartlett
CARETAKER(S)	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

PARISH MINISTER	Rev. Steven Epperson
COMMUNITY MINISTER	Rev. Laura Imayoshi
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Kiersten Moore
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