



Windswept Landscape, James Topping

Thanksgiving in a Bent World

Rev. Phillip Hewett

– October 8, 2017



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 church and our community. Look for people wearing yellow nametags, who are welcoming you today.

If you are a new family visiting with children or babies, we look forward to welcoming you in person. Free childcare is available for children 3 and under, and children 4 and over are invited to join in this week's program activities. Children are also welcome to stay for the church service if they prefer. If you feel that you need to slip out of the service with a crying baby, please feel free to rejoin the service at any time. The service can also be heard in the foyer and in Hewett Centre.

The seats in the rear of the church are ***reserved***:
(when facing the front) *left side for parents with babies or small children in childcare, and right side for persons in wheelchairs & strollers.*

The UCV Campus is a non-smoking environment.

TODAY AT UCV

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: We are committed to providing safe, compassionate, age-appropriate programming for all children and youth who attend or visit UCV. Our goal is to build intentionally inclusive community across ages and explore big questions through story, art, and play. Sunday morning classes are presented free of charge as part of the mission of this congregation. Everyone attends the start of service together through the chalice lighting, opening hymn, and story for all ages.

- **After the story, children of all ages may proceed to the lower level of Hewett Centre** to the Channing room (south side downstairs) for our multi-age program, Spirit Play, led by our Religious Exploration staff teacher and trained volunteers. We welcome our very youngest to join us in this safe and exploratory space.
- **Children registered for the Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation Reflection Guide for upper elementary** (ages 8-11/grade 4-6) meet in the Parker room (central room) downstairs until 12:15.
- **Coming of Age** is a mentor based program for youth ages 12-14 exploring their own beliefs about life, the universe, and everything. Registered participants meet in the Hirschmanova room downstairs until 12:15 pm.

Please see Kiersten Moore, our Director of Religious Education if you have any questions or concerns.

Children and babies are welcome to remain with their parents/guardians through the service if they prefer. **Please meet your child downstairs after the service: children under age 9 will remain in class until met by a responsible family member. Older children may join their family upstairs for social hour.**

YOUTH GROUP: Our High School Youth Group (grades 8-12) meets from 1 – 3 pm each Sunday in Hitschmanova on the lower level of Hewett Centre. Our Youth Group is led collaboratively by the youth and trained advisors. They explore issues of faith development, social justice, life experiences, trials, tribulations and joys of navigating life—and they always include a good measure of fun and games. All youth members and visitors are welcome every week.

MEDITATION: Join us for the Sunday morning sitting meditation at 10 – 10:45 am. There is brief guidance at the beginning of each sit. In consideration of others, please try to come on time. Any inquiries can be sent to victoriaoginski@gmail.com.

TODAY'S FORUM: Circle dancing in the Fireside Room, presented by Mary Bennett and friends. Songs and dances will encourage us to express our thanksgiving. 12:30 pm.



THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Ann Foster, Amy Megumi Anderson

FLOWERS

Lorraine Calame

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Frances Anderson, Laura Gerken, David Buchanan

SOUND

Galen Elfert

LUNCH

No hosted lunch this week

GREETERS

Margo Elfert, Sakura Nandana, Setty Pendakur, Penny Pearson

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Jane Sutherland

Next Sunday Service: October 15, 2017

On Gratitude and the Power of Life (an all-ages service)

Rev. Steven Epperson and the UCV Congregation

Carry the Flame

* Today I am grateful to be able to have so much beautiful music available – from all the great composers, both well-known and the less well-known composers! – *Eliot*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

UCV BOARD DEVELOPMENT: If any member in good standing is interested in being on the UCV Board, or would like to nominate someone, please contact the Nominating Committee at diane@rubyslippers.ca.

UCV EVENTS DEADLINE – OCTOBER 18: Submit notices of UCV sponsored events to Mary & Margo, ucvevents@gmail.com by the 18th of each month (Special events requiring extra space needed by 14th.)

NEW CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS: The forum on October 15th will be on the new constitution and bylaws for our church, which will be voted on at the AGM on November 12th. Copies of the new bylaws are available at the office for anyone who would like to view them before the forum.

FIRESIDE YOGA: A quiet practice of gentle stretching will be offered in the Fireside Room at UCV by certified and practicing Hatha Yoga teacher, Philippa Syme. Props provided. 7-week series on Mondays, from Oct 2 to Nov 20, 7 – 8:15 pm. Suggested rate for 7 classes - \$10 each or \$12 Drop-in. No experience required. No one turned away due to lack of funds. Call or email appili@shaw.ca / 604-836-9165, or just come to start at 7 pm. **No class on Oct 9, Thanksgiving.**

UPCOMING SACRED CIRCLE DANCES: Sunday, October 8 – Fireside Room 12:30 – 1:30 pm (in lieu of forum) Monday, October 9 – after Thanksgiving Potluck dinner 7 pm. Questions? Contact circledanceucv@gmail.com.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK: Monday, October 9. Come early and enjoy cooking and setting up with others. We'll make it fun! 4 to 6 pm. Dinner at 6 pm. After 7 pm, we might play games, have a sing-a-long, or? What do you suggest? Contact ucvhygge@gmail.com – RSVP appreciated.

VANCOUVER BY-ELECTION CANDIDATES' FORUM – HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL JUSTICE: Wednesday, October 11, 7 – 9 pm in the UCV Sanctuary. Confirmed candidates: Hector Bremner, NPA; Pete Fry, Green Party; Judy Graves, OneCity; Jean Swanson, Independent. Sponsored by the Social Justice and Environment Committees.

GLAD GATHERING FOR LABYRINTH ART & DANCE: – This Thursday, October 12, 11 am – 1 pm. RSVP appreciated: circledanceucv@gmail.com

THEATRE FOR LIVING PRACTICE: An interactive workshop with Rev. Meg Roberts. Saturday, Oct. 14, 10 am – 1 pm in Hirschmanova. We practice techniques in interactive, improvisational theatre. Wear comfortable clothes. RSVP Meg Roberts to confirm practice: 778-870-9015 or mroberts@uuma.org

FALL BOOK SALE: Please join us for our Fall book sale from 9 am – 1 pm on Sunday, October 22 at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver. We will have current titles, many genres of fiction, extensive topical non-fiction, as well as gorgeous art and coffee table books, many in mint condition. Most will be priced from \$1 to \$3.

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to help set up and run the upcoming Book Sale. We need volunteers on the afternoon of Friday, October 20, during the day of Saturday, October 21 (a lunch will be provided for volunteers that day), and during the sale from 9 am to 1 pm on Sunday, October 22. Please contact David at 604-319-5199 if you are interested.

SHARE YOUR STORY – A SERMON WRITING WORKSHOP: Saturday, October 28, 2017, 1 – 6 pm in the Hewett Centre. Facilitated by Rev. Meg Roberts. To help integrate your learning, a follow-up 1 ½-hour group coaching session is included on either Tues. Nov. 28, 7 – 8:30 pm OR Sat. Nov. 25, 10:30 am – 12 noon. This will encourage you to work on your sermon, offer support for any roadblocks you hit, and provide feedback to polish your creation. To register, contact UCV Workshop Committee chair, Way Kent: 110395@telus.net. Earlybird registration deadline and cost: September 30 (\$35) Final registration deadline and cost: October 22 (\$50)

‘HAPPY PLACE’ THEATRE GROUP: Some Unitarians are attending *Happy Place* at the Firehall Arts Centre on Thursday, October 26. As well as the 4 confirmed, Mary has put a hold on two tickets in the second to the front row. If you’d like to join us, contact Mary – or call and purchase tickets directly. Adults \$33, Seniors \$28. maryinvancouver@gmail.com More details: <http://firehallartscentre.ca/>. If you’d like to join an email group to hear about arts and culture events members are attending, send a blank email to ucv-arts-and-culture+subscribe@googlegroups.com or ask Mary.

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 on **Saturday, Nov 4, 9:15 am – 2:30 pm in the Fireside Room**. Coffee and muffins at 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.

LAY CHAPLAIN OPPORTUNITY: UCV Lay Chaplains co-create and officiate at weddings, memorials, child blessings and other rites of passage ceremonies. It’s a joyful, loving service to the greater community and a path to personal spiritual growth. For more details about the job’s requirements and its blessings, contact Nan Gregory, nangregory@shaw.ca, 604-228-1450, or Katherine Roback, katherinekroback@gmail.com, 604-872-0426.

CASUAL CARETAKER OPPORTUNITY: UCV is in need of casual Caretakers 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 of supplemental income. If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to Aurora Eyolfson at ca@vancouverunitarians.ca.

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE for the possible redevelopment of part of the UCV site will meet Wednesday, November 27 at 7 pm in Hewett Hall – a very important meeting! – *Gordon Gram and Michael Clague*

JOIN THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM: We're gearing up for fall back-to-church and it would be a benefit to have a few more folk on the communications team to help committees and groups design brochures, update the website, write news posts and make posters for the bulletin boards. Meetings (usually only two a year) are optional. Contact maryinvancouver@gmail.com.

FREE PLANTS to GOOD HOME **Some things spread and** **this is the time to share!**



contact Mary Bennett



UCV This Week: Do you want to receive the weekly service information and announcements by email? Just send your request to ucvevents@gmail.com or sign up at the welcome table in the foyer any Sunday.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GREATER VANCOUVER GOGOS are hosting a presentation/launch by the Stephen Lewis Foundation of the recently published book *The Power of Love: A Grandmothers Movement to End AIDS*. It will be a free event Saturday, October 14 at the Unitarian Church from 2 – 4 pm. Kathryn Gretzinger will be moderating and interviewing four women from Africa as well as Ilana Landsberg Lewis and Alexis MacDonald from the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Please do join us.



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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