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## *The Spirit Flag*

Keith Wilkinson

July 1, 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.



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*The prelude helps to create a spirit for shared celebration and worship.  
Please refrain from conversing and please turn off your cell phones.*

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## ***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 Presence of Children is a Gift to the Church. Welcome!***

If you are a new family visiting with children or babies please fill out a Children's Program visitor card at the Welcome Table so Kiersten Moore, our Director of Religious Exploration, can be in touch with you about our children, youth, and family programs.

Most Sundays, everyone begins the morning together in the Sanctuary for the first 10-15 minutes. We provide multi-age programming and special workshops for children ages 2-12 from 11:15 am – 12:15 pm. Community building, exploring traditions and values, questioning, and wondering are our goals. Babies and young toddlers may join us or stay with you in the Sanctuary.

**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.

<p>The seats in the rear of the church are <b><i>reserved</i></b>: (when facing the front) left side for those needing to slip in and out of the service, and right side for persons in wheelchairs &amp; strollers.</p>
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*The UCV Campus is a non-smoking environment.*

## **TODAY AT UCV**

Parents of toddlers please check in at the Playroom with the Guides before the service. Depending on your child's needs and personality you and the Guides can decide whether your child stays with you or joins any older kids who attend.

**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 find the Fun with Meaning! Our Summer program is small and laid back, focused on games, gardening, and art led by

volunteer guides and parents. Activities are open to both members and visitors. Everyone attends the start of service together through the chalice lighting, opening hymn, and story for all ages.

**After the story children ages 3-12** may join our Religious Exploration Guides in Hewett Centre for garden activities, games, and art. (see note above about children under age 3).

**Children and babies are welcome to remain** with their adult family members through the service if they prefer.

Please meet your child in the playroom (Servetus room—across the Hall from the kitchen) or in the garden after the service: children under age 9 will remain with the Guides until met by a responsible family member.

**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 remind them what we do in worship and explain what is going on.
- 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 you have to leave the service with your child, 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.

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.

**Youth Group:** Our High School Youth Group (grades 8-12) does not meet during the summer. During the school year our Youth Group is led collaboratively by the youth and trained advisors. They meet weekly to explore issues of faith development, social justice, life experiences, trials, tribulations, and joys of navigating life—through games and small group activities. Other activities include monthly youth sleepovers at the church, Regional UU Youth Conferences, and the UU-United Nations Office (NYC) Spring Seminar on Global Migration in April. Please contact Olivia Hall ([oliviahmargaret@gmail.com](mailto:oliviahmargaret@gmail.com)) or Kiersten Moore ([dre@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:dre@vancouverunitarians.ca)) for more information.

**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](mailto:victoriaoginski@gmail.com)

# Celebration of Worship: July 1, 2018

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Gnossienne</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Gymnopédie</i> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Gnossienne</i> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Gymnopédie</i> <i>Prelude in A Minor, WTC 1</i>	Erik Satie Erik Satie Erik Satie Erik Satie J. S. Bach Eric Wyness, Piano
<b>Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours</b>		Way Kent
<b>Kindling the Chalice Flame</b>		Keith Wilkinson
<b>Opening Hymn #159</b>		<i>This is My Song</i>
<b>Story for All Ages</b>		Read by Way Kent
	Let's sing the children out " <i>Go now...</i> "	
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Karen Bartlett
<b>Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns</b>		Karen Bartlett
<b>Offering:</b> <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Prelude in E Major, WTC 1</i>	J. S. Bach Eric Wyness, Piano
<b>Meditation – Spoken, then Silent</b>		<i>Perspective</i> by Louis Nuernberger Read by Keith Wilkinson
<b>Musical Response</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Gymnopédie</i>	Erik Satie Eric Wyness, Piano
<b>Homily</b>		<i>The Spirit Flag</i> Keith Wilkinson
<b>Closing Hymn #123</b>		<i>Spirit of Life</i>
<b>Closing Words / Extinguishing the Chalice Flame</b>		Keith Wilkinson
<b>Valediction</b>	<i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.</i> <i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.</i>	

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## Next Sunday Service: July 8, 2018

### *First and Seventh: A Non-neurotypical Experience of Interdependence and Its Call to Love and Justice*

Léonie Armstrong

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#### **UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**EARTH SPIRIT COUNCIL:** Tuesday, July 3, 6 – 7 pm **Earth Spirit Circle.** Join us in Hirschmanova. We will likely go outside weather permitting.

Tuesday, July 3, 7:30 – 9 pm: **Circle Dance Basics.** If you've been considering sacred circle dance, this is for you. This session will focus on dances that primarily are about walking—step forward and back and sideways, and that's it!

Subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter at [vancouverunitarians.ca/earth-spirit](http://vancouverunitarians.ca/earth-spirit). Email: [earthspiritucv@gmail.com](mailto:earthspiritucv@gmail.com).

**SEPTEMBER POT LUCK LUNCH:** If you've become a UCV member within the past 5 years, you're invited to a POT LUCK LUNCH, to meet other recent members, on Saturday, September 8th, noon – 3:00 pm, in the Fireside Room (Hewett Centre). Please contact Vivian Davidson at [vdavidsonc@gmail.com](mailto:vdavidsonc@gmail.com) to register & let her know what food you'll bring. Sponsored by the Connect & Engage Team - Vivian, Cathy, Sheila

**SUBSCRIBE:** Sign up to get email reminders about upcoming news and events here: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/newsletter>

Click here for the monthly calendar of all upcoming events: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/calendar/>

#### **UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Office staff are looking for volunteers to provide a presence at the reception desk on Sundays from 10 am - 1 pm. Responsibilities include monitoring the office doors and greeting visitors, assisting people with the photocopier, answering basic administrative questions, and passing inquiries for which they don't have an answer on to the office staff. Training will be provided. If interested, please call Aurora at 604-261-7204, extension 224, or email [ca@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:ca@vancouverunitarians.ca).

**SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are looking for more Volunteers for our Summer Children's Garden and Art program. Any Sunday without volunteers, children will remain in worship with their parents. You can sign-up on our website: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/community/volunteer>. Our Summer program is small and laid back, focused on games, gardening, and art led by volunteer guides and parents. Activities are open to both



members and visitors. Everyone attends the start of service together through the chalice lighting, opening hymn, and story for all ages.

**PREPARE FOR PRIDE:** Vancouver Pride is Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. We'll hang a rainbow flag outside and paint rocks in rainbow colours. Perhaps we'll decide to re-certify as a "Welcoming Congregation" or offer the "Living the Welcoming Congregation" program.

Contact [sharingucv@gmail.com](mailto:sharingucv@gmail.com) <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/about-us/welcoming/>

Did you know that :

- 99% of Canadian Unitarian congregations are certified as Welcoming Congregations?
- At the 2006 Annual Meeting, a Gender and Sexual Diversity resolution was passed, updating an earlier resolution on "gay and lesbian rights". <http://cuc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Gender-and-Sexual-Diversity-Resolution-2006.pdf>
- At the Hamilton national conference in 2005, five youth from Calgary unfurled a 500' rainbow banner. A spontaneous offering raised funds to send them to Ottawa to show their colours.
- Martha Saunders has donated a flag and Dianne Crosbie, chair of Buildings and Grounds, is helping locate a great spot for it?

**CO-EDITOR FOR UCV EVENTS NEEDED:** After three and a half years, Mary Bennett has stepped down as co-editor of UCV Events. Margo Elfert will continue. We use MS Publisher. Please contact Margo if you'd like to know more: [ucvevents@gmail.com](mailto:ucvevents@gmail.com).

**COVENANT GROUPS:** Two groups (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday) are accepting new members. Contact [ucvconnect@gmail.com](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com) to be put in touch (or check event listings on web.)

**SOUTH VANCOUVER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP:** Muriel, Stanley and Sandy are trying to get a South Vancouver Neighbourhood Group going. Perhaps a monthly potluck in Muriel & Jack's home and/or occasional event at UCV. If you self-identify as living in South Vancouver (roughly south of 41<sup>st</sup> – but all welcome) send an email to [ucv-connect@gmail.com](mailto:ucv-connect@gmail.com) and we'll add you to the email list so you can post your suggestions.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS:** More at: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/neighbourhood-groups/>. Contact [ucvconnect@gmail.com](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com) to be added to your neighbourhood's email list.

**THE WESTSIDE UNITARIAN NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP** will continue meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 2:30 – 5pm over the summer at Jeannie Corsi's house (next meeting: July 24). 4311 W. 14th Ave. (wheelchair accessible).RSVP essential as space is limited. Contact [ucvconnect@gmail.com](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com)

**UCV WILDERNESS CAMP:** Are you searching for a restorative week surrounded by natural beauty? Fry Creek is the place for you! This magical camp, founded by Phillip Hewett and others 53 years ago, is on the east shore of Kootenay Lake. Come discover the calm harmony that's hard to find in the busy city - no cell phone service and no internet! If you feel like socializing, there are Unitarians from Vancouver, Rossland, Calgary, Nelson, Seattle and other places in the Pacific Northwest. If you feel like solitude, there's lots and lots of room to explore on land or on water, and beautiful places to quietly sit, read, draw, listen and look. The camp is open during July and August. Everything you need to know can be found here: <https://kootenaywildernesscamping.org/>. For additional information, contact [dcrosbie@uniserve.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com)

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND:** The Outreach Opportunities Fund will be collecting for the Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society (OWL) from June to September. OWL is a non-profit organization whose staff and volunteers are dedicated to public education and the rehabilitation and release of injured and orphaned raptors.

**ONLINE ROOM BOOKINGS:** Committee heads and congregants are encouraged to try requesting room bookings using our new online bookings form, found at <https://ucv.mid.as/webrequest.pl>. If you have questions or run in to any problems, please contact Marcus at 604-261-7204 or [marcus@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:marcus@vancouverunitarians.ca).

**WALK OUR LABYRINTHS:** For a meditative experience, please feel free to walk our two labyrinths at any time. The 3-circuit classical labyrinth is made from concrete pavers in the courtyard. The garden path labyrinth on the east side of the sanctuary is a double processional. Feel free to pick calendula blossoms and sprigs of lavender as you walk. Web: [www.vancouverunitarians.ca/labyrinth](http://www.vancouverunitarians.ca/labyrinth) Email: [unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com](mailto:unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com)

**LOVE SOUP!** last Sunday was a big success. You hit a homerun! It was a great way to finish our fourth season. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your ongoing support. Have a great Summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September! – Amy Megumi Anderson

**VISITING MDIV STUDENT AND LONGTIME UNITARIAN** from Northern California, Clovis A. Lewis, seeking 6 months accommodation in Vancouver for himself and his wife. For more information about Clovis or to read some of his sermons, visit <https://clovicelewis.weebly.com/>. He can be contacted at [clewis@ses.sksm.edu](mailto:clewis@ses.sksm.edu) or by phone at (707) 972-0129.

## **OUTSIDE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CREATIVE ARTS ELIOT CAMP 2018** for UUs and their Friends and Families. *Creative Arts Eliot* takes place in Seabeck, WA, August 11-15, 2018, and offers UUs and friends a multi-generational camp experience with workshops in Photography, Poetry, Painting, Songwriting and more. Campers choose one or two workshops to focus on and spend the rest of their time enjoying the waterfront, campfires, singing, UU community, games, evening programs and entertainment, including an Extravaganza on the last day to showcase everyone's creativity. For more info, contact [Eliotregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:Eliotregistrar@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.eliotinstitute.org](http://www.eliotinstitute.org).

## **THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:**

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**GREETERS**

Ursula Litzcke, Denise Nereida, Melody Mason, Gerda Schulz

**WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE**

Naomi Taylor, Karen Bartlett

**CARETAKER(S)**

Paul Nash

*The red pulpit hanging in the Sanctuary is a gift from our partner church in Brasso, Romania*

*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.*

## **MINISTER AND STAFF**

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