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Our Living Tradition, or: What Good is a Congregation?

Rev. Steven Epperson & UCV Children
June 3, 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.



*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 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 <i>reserved</i>: (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.</p>
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The UCV Campus is a non-smoking environment.

TODAY AT UCV

We gather together on the 1st Sunday of each month for whole congregation worship. On these days both children and adults participate in explorations, programs, and small groups at 9:30 am and then attend worship together at 11:00.

Worshipping together is a learning experience for everyone. 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 must 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.

NEW TO UCV BREAKFAST: Prior to the service today, there will be a breakfast at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room for those who have attended the "New to UCV Workshop". UCV Committee chairs will provide information on the 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 Family Room. There is brief guidance at the beginning of each sit. Inquiries: victoriaoginski@gmail.com

FORUM: *Mines and the Threat to Wild Salmon* with Mary Leighton. There is a mining boom happening in BC, and major projects are endangering fresh water and salmon habitat that people have relied on for thousands of years. Sponsored by the Environment Committee

NEW SERMON DISCUSSIONS: Inviting newcomers and regulars to share your thoughts, feelings and questions about today's service. Grab a coffee or lunch and join us for an informal discussion at our Hewett Hall table from 12:15 – 1 pm. *Sheila* (R), Connect & Engage Committee. For more information, visit: <http://tiny.cc/ucvsd>

COMPUTUTOR – 12 – 2 pm, Lindsey Room. Drop in with or without a laptop or smartphone along with your questions and ideas. Questions: randallmackinnon@yahoo.ca. Resource person: Galen Elfert.

2018 CHILDREN'S ART SHOW: "*We light this chalice, symbol of our faith... and ourselves.*" By Children of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver, ages 3-14. Every time we meet as Unitarians we light a chalice, symbol of our faith. Our faith in the inherent worth and dignity of each person and the interdependent web of life on Earth. Each painting presented here is a symbolic self-portrait of the artist. Children were invited to use the Chalice symbol as a basis for creating a work that represents their unique selves. Unitarians support each other along the individual search for truth and meaning, so naturally some children chose a different symbol to represent themselves. We are thrilled to see the diverse personalities of our children reflected in their artwork here. Enjoy!

Celebration of Worship: June 3, 2018

Prelude	<i>Sonata in C K. 545 (Andante; Allegro)</i>	Mozart E. Dainow, piano
Invocation	<i>We Gather Here Together</i>	With the Chalice Choir
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Hymn #118		<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>
Special Presentation		Outreach Opportunities Fund Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation
Story for All Ages		Read by Kiersten Moore
Welcome and Announcements		Emilie Adin
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Emilie Adin
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Sonata in C K. 545 (Rondo)</i>	Mozart E. Dainow, Piano
Meditation – Spoken, then Silent		Rev. Steven Epperson
Anthem	<i>Song for the Mira</i>	A. Macgillivray With the Chalice Choir
Homily		

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Litany of thanks: Let us give thanks to one another for the spirit, for the energy, sincerity, and generosity we share in our service to our congregation.

Closing Hymn #123	<i>Spirit of Life (Sung Twice)</i>
Closing Words	Rev. Steven Epperson

Valediction

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.
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Next Sunday Service: June 10, 2018

Healing and Reconciliation?

Rev. Steven Epperson

UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

PHILOSOPHERS' CAFÉ: Thursday, June 7, 10:30 am in the Fireside Room. How do we measure happiness? What are some major determinants and metrics? Moderator: Randall MacKinnon. Sponsored by SFU and UCV.

HYGGE (POTLUCK): DINNERS are usually on the 3rd Saturday. Jeannie Corsi and Caede Pungente will host on June 16th. Volunteer to host a dinner, contact ucvhygge@gmail.com. Either in your home or at UCV.

SUMMER SOLSTICE RITUAL & PLANT SWAP: Sunday, June 17, 2:30 – 4 pm (immediately after the general meeting). Come and enjoy a seasonal ritual, labyrinth introduction, herbal tea and plant swap. Sandy Riecken, Mary Bennett, Vera Wojna. unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com (We would really like some thyme for the labyrinth. We have lots of calendula, mint and chives to give away.) This is supported by a Neighbourhood Small Grant from Vancouver Foundation and South Van Neighbourhood House. Neighbours and friends are very welcome. Visit www.vancouverunitarians.ca/labyrinth for more information.

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO THE UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER: Together with three other Metro Vancouver Unitarian Congregations, you hosted a first ever, well appreciated Metro Vancouver Unitarian Gathering on April 7!

Your two MVUG planning team representatives – Lynn Armstrong and Leslie Kemp – shared creative ideas, designed volunteer schedules and coordinated a great Social Justice event. Thanks for welcoming us to your church! Special thanks to Rev. Steven Epperson for recruiting the Young Adult Panel members and to the kitchen team of volunteers for keeping a large group well fed! A special word of thanks to Kiersten Moore and Jannika Nyberg for the creation and delivery of a great children's program.



We look forward to holding smaller gatherings like this every even year, and anticipate similar congregational involvement in the future. Thanks to all! – *Joan Carolyn, CUC Congregational Life Team*

SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 17 EGM

The EGM will be held on JUNE 17th after the service. All members of UCV are urged to attend as we will be voting on the budget for 2018/19, and a proposal from the redevelopment task force. The agenda and budget have been sent via email to members, and paper copies are available in the office. Forms to assign proxy votes are on the UCV webpage and in the office.

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.

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.

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 has been working on the Bulletin prior to UCV Events and will continue doing basically the front and back pages. We produce it using MS Publisher. Please contact Margo if you'd like to know more about what's entailed. ucvevents@gmail.com

WEST OF MAIN ART WALK: UCV members Karen Brumelle and Mary Bennett are sharing their art at the West of Main Art Walk this weekend, June 2 – 3. Addresses available at www.artistsinourmidst.com. Brochure and maps are at the Arts Bulletin board. Sixty artists participate in this annual art walk.

KIDS TAKEOVER UCV: Inspired by the recent Kids Takeover UBC, we are planning for a Kids Takeover day at UCV. Come to the 4th Sunday Arts & Culture **Forum on June 24** to share your ideas, hopes and fears about what will happen when the kids take over! Comments and questions: kidstakeoverucv@gmail.com There will be Pharoah Frog, ATCs, Bumblebees and Butterflies and ice cream. 12:30 – 1:30 pm.

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.

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

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

SANCTUARY ARTWORK: The hanging presently on display in the Sanctuary was created by Donna Hamilton as a commission for the UUA General Assembly Planning Committee in 1995. It was hung at the plenary sessions of the GA meetings for the next several years. It then hung permanently at the headquarters of the UUA, at 25 Beacon Street in Boston, until the UUA recently moved their headquarters to another space. It was then returned to the artist, and was brought to UCV temporarily for the Metro Vancouver All-Congregations gathering on April 7.

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 or visit our website at www.eliotinstitute.org.

FARMERS ON 57TH CSA HARVEST BOX PROGRAM: Eat fresh urban farm & organically grown veg for \$30/week, June-October. Flowers available too. More details at www.farmerson57th.ca.

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Eva Allen, Catherine Stewart

LUNCH

No lunch today

FLOWERS

Chris Pearce

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Jean Stanton, Lindsay Udem

SOUND

Rob Taylor

GREETERS

Ursula Litzcke, Denise Nereida, Melody Mason, Gerda Schulz

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Alison Pearson, Jenny Podlecki

CARETAKER(S)

Paul Nash

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

Information on the wall hanging by Donna Hamilton is provided above, under 'UCV Community Announcements'.



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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Rev. Steven Epperson

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