



*Floral Still Life, Arnold Shives*

## ***Mother's Day & Flower Communion***

Rev. Steven Epperson  
May 13, 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**

*After the Story we sing our children off to their Explorations in Hewett Centre:*

- **All children** are welcome to participate together in a special project today in the courtyard. Everyone will rejoin the service at 11:50 to participate in the Flower Communion.

**Children and babies** are always welcome to remain with their family or responsible adult throughout the service if they prefer. The service can also be heard in the foyer and in Hewett Hall where a playroom is open for family use.

**Nursing parents are welcome** in any part of our buildings, if you wish for more privacy there is a comfy chair and a rocking chair in the Hewett Hall playroom.

**After the Service** children age 9 and older will be released to join their family in the main Hall when their class is over. **Children age 8 and younger** must be met at their classroom door and signed out by a responsible adult.

**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)

**FORUM:** The Social Justice Committee forum this Sunday will host Seth Klein, BC director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. He will talk about the latest BC Government budget, including the implications for housing, child care and property taxes. Seth's research deals primarily with welfare policy, poverty, inequality and economic security. Seth has been listed by Vancouver Magazine as one of the 50 most powerful people in the city, and by Homemakers Magazine among the "60 men we love"!

**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 12:15 – 1 pm in the Priestley room. *Sheila* (R), Connect & Engage Committee. For more information, visit: <http://tiny.cc/ucvds>

**COMMUNICATIONS TEAM MEETING:** Today at 9:45 – 10:45 am. RSVP [sharinguvcv@gmail.com](mailto:sharinguvcv@gmail.com)  
If you'd like to join, send a note to Mary. June UCV Events will be Mary's last one as co-editor after three and a half years. We are preparing a budget. If you have suggestions for us, please send ASAP. From Communications Co-chairs, Paul Prescod and Mary Bennett

**LOVE SOUP!** is today in the Hewett Center!

# Celebration of Worship: May 13, 2018

**Prelude** *Let the Mystery Be* Iris Dement  
*Sentimental Journey* Brown, Homer, Green  
*Dream a Little Dream of Me* Andre, Schwandt, Kahn  
All music this week performed by “The Lawless Firm”\*

**Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours** Rev. Steven Epperson

**Kindling the Chalice Flame** Rev. Steven Epperson

**Opening Hymn #6** *Just As Long As I Have Breath*

**Story for All Ages** Read by Rev. Steven Epperson

Let’s sing the children out “*Go now...*”

**Welcome and Announcements** Cindy Cashin

**Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns** Cindy Cashin

**Offering:** *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.* *It’s a Good Day* Lee, Barbour

**Meditation – Spoken, then Silent** Rev. Steven Epperson

**Musical Response** *Ayerlik* Trad. Iranian Song

**Homily** *Food First?* Rev. Steven Epperson

## ***Flower Communion and Prayer***

**SE:** In the name of that which plants in the seed the future of the flower and in our hearts the longing for people to live in harmony

**Congregation:** *In the name of the sages, the wise and noble women and men who lived their lives in order to hasten the coming of justice and peace – let us renew our resolution, sincerely, to be brothers and sisters.*

**SE:** In this our holy resolve, may we be strengthened in the spirit of affection and fellowship so that...

**All:** *TOGETHER, may we endeavour to achieve a more just and joyful life.*

Closing Words

Rev. Steven Epperson

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

*C'est Si Bon*

Betti, Honez, Seeleen

*\* The Lawless Firm is comprised of Michael Dunn (guitar), Edgar Bridwell (violin), Joe Bouchier (bass), and Eleanore Dunn (chanteuse). Michael and Eleanore are familiar faces around here as they are members. – Elliott*

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**Next Sunday Service: May 20, 2018**

***Refugee Children and Children of Refugees***

Refugee Committee

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**UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**SACRED CIRCLE DANCING:** Monday, May 14, 7 – 9 pm. Evening circle dances are 7 – 9 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday and 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday. For more dates and times, just follow the links from [www.vancouverunitarians.ca/circle-dance](http://www.vancouverunitarians.ca/circle-dance).

**GLAD GATHERING FOR LABYRINTH ART & DANCE:** Thursday, May 17, 11 am – 1 pm. With a theme of May Flowers, we'll celebrate that Spring is here! Coordinated by Mairy Beam, Mary Bennett and Darlene Rainbow. [circledanceucv@gmail.com](mailto:circledanceucv@gmail.com)

**CONTEMPLATIVE COLLAGE:** Thursday, May 17, 2 – 4 pm. Come and enjoy a quiet, relaxing afternoon together. A meditative time to choose images and put them together creatively. Scissors, glue and images provided. Inspired by the Unitarian Church of Montreal. Please RSVP to [ucvcollage@gmail.com](mailto:ucvcollage@gmail.com).

**HYGGE POTLUCK DINNERS** are usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Merva Cottle will host on Saturday, May 20 – 3951 West 20th Avenue. RSVP by phone 604-224-8767. Volunteer to host a dinner in June, contact [ucvhygge@gmail.com](mailto:ucvhygge@gmail.com).

**SILENT ART AUCTION IN FIRESIDE:** Support the Refugee Committee and get a painting at an affordable price. Silent Auction in the Fireside Room until May 27 at noon. All money goes to the Refugee Committee.



**NEXT MOVEABLE FEAST:** On Saturday May 26th at 6:00 pm, the Movable Feast will be trying out a new community Korean Restaurant. Mukja Korean Cuisine, 3211 West Broadway at Trutch [www.mukjastreet.com/](http://www.mukjastreet.com/), Wheel chair accessible To reserve your place at our table, confirm at [dcrosbie@uniserve.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com)



**NEW TO UCV BREAKFAST:** Prior to the service June 3, 2018 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](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com) or contact the church office at 604 261-7204.

## UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW BENCHES FOR THE UCV CAMPUS:** Dear UCV Members and Adherents: The Buildings and Grounds Committee has approved the design for new benches in the public areas of the campus, replacing the remaining aging structures. You can also see a prototype installed in the East Memorial Garden. The \$900 cost of this new bench is being paid for in part by a member. We similarly invite other members and adherents to contribute to the funding for these new benches. Individual donations or donations from groups and families are welcome. A commemorative plaque can be included if there is a wish to recognize a person or a UCV project. For more information please contact Michael Clague: [mclague@telus.net](mailto:mclague@telus.net). – Dianne Crosbie, Chair, Buildings and Grounds Committee



**THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE** is looking for 1 - 2 people to join our committee. Help us create a positive, healthy work environment for our UCV staff. Contact Sheila Resels, chair of HR, at [sresels@gmail.com](mailto:sresels@gmail.com) for further information.

**KIDS TAKEOVER UCV:** Inspired by the recent Kids Takeover UBC, we are beginning to plan for a Kids Takeover day (or week? Or month?) at UCV. Share your ideas on the RE bulletin board or send to [kidstakeoverucv@gmail.com](mailto:kidstakeoverucv@gmail.com). See article on web for more information. Supported by Arts Committee.

**THE CONNECT & ENGAGE COMMITTEE** is looking for volunteers to facilitate informal conversation amongst newcomers (& regulars). The topic is the Sunday sermon. Our weekly *Sermon Discussions* are from 12:15 to approximately 1 pm. This only requires that you sign up for *one session per year*. If you'd like to join the team, contact Sheila at [sresels@gmail.com](mailto:sresels@gmail.com).

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND:** The Outreach Opportunities Fund will be collecting for the Community Legal Assistance Society (CLAS), from February to May. CLAS provides legal assistance in BC to people with problems in the areas of workers' rights, income security, housing, mental health and human rights.

**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.)

**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.

**SANCTUARY HANGING:** 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](mailto:Eliotregistrar@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.eliotinstitute.org](http://www.eliotinstitute.org).

**FARMERS ON 57<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://www.farmerson57th.ca).

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

**COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS**

Pat Johnson, Amy Megumi Anderson

**LUNCH**

Love Soup!

**FLOWERS**

Lorraine Calame

**LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL**

Kaelyn Elfert, George Atherton

**SOUND**

Galen Elfert

**GREETERS**

Jane Sutherland, Shirley McLeod, Carolyn Grant, Denise Nereida

**WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE**

Jane Sutherland, Karen Bartlett

**CARETAKER(S)**

Paul Nash, Igor Santizo

*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**

**PARISH MINISTER**

Rev. Steven Epperson

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