



*Lauritz Anderson Ring, 1854-1933*

## ***I Learn By Going: Poetry and Belief***

Christopher Levenson  
and Rev. Steven Epperson  
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# 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:*

- **Spirit Play** meets downstairs in the Channing Room (south end) until 12:15. All visitors and children ages 0-12 are welcome to join this multi-age program centered around community, ritual, and story. Explorations are centered around the Seven Principles and Sources of Unitarian Universalism. Each Sunday starts with a story and moves into art, building, action, and garden activities.

- **Our Whole Lives** sexuality education for ages 9 & 10 meets today downstairs in the Parker Room (downstairs-center) until 12:30. These workshops meet twice a month and are restricted to registered participants.
- **Coming of Age** meets in Hirschmanova until 12:30. This is a year-long mentorship and spirituality exploration program for children ages 11-14 and is restricted to registered participants.
- **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 families 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:** An informal discussion facilitated by Marg Fletcher and Emilie Adin to make space for members to discuss the EGM vote scheduled for June 17 on whether or not to enter Phase 2, the business plan stage of preparing to possibly redevelop the UCV campus. The final decision on whether or not to proceed would be up to the congregation following the completion of phase 2 work.

**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/ucvdsd>

**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: May 27, 2018

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Intermezzo op. 117 No. 1</i> <i>15 Hungarian Dances (excerpts)</i>	Brahms Bartok E. Dainow, piano
<b>Invocation</b>	<i>I Know This Rose Will Open</i>	M. Grigolia With the Chalice Choir
<b>Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours</b>		Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>Kindling the Chalice Flame</b>		Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>Opening Hymn #347</b>		<i>Gather the Spirit</i>
<b>Story for All Ages</b>		Read by Rev. Steven Epperson
	Let's sing the children out " <i>Go now...</i> "	
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Huguette Hayden
<b>Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns</b>		Huguette Hayden
<b>Offering:</b> <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>1000 Beautiful Things</i>	A. Lennox, arr. C.H. Johnson With the Chalice Choir Solo: Beth Breises
<b>Meditation – Spoken, then Silent</b>		Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Choose Something Like A Star*</i>	R. Thompson Poetry by R. Frost With the Chalice Choir
	<b>Homily:</b> <i>I Learn By Going: Poetry and Belief</i> Christopher Levenson	
<b>Closing Hymn #297</b>		<i>The Star of Truth Now Dimly Shines</i>
<b>Closing Words</b>		Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>Extinguishing the Chalice Flame</b>		Rev. Steven Epperson

## Valediction

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.  
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\*O Star (the fairest one in sight),  
We grant your loftiness the right  
To some obscurity of cloud –  
It will not do to say of night,  
Since dark is what brings out your light.  
Some mystery becomes the proud.  
But to be wholly taciturn  
In your reserve is not allowed.  
Say something to us we can learn  
By heart and when alone repeat.  
Say something! And it says “I burn.”  
But say with what degree of heat.  
Talk Fahrenheit, talk Centigrade.  
Use language we can comprehend.  
Tell us what elements you blend.  
It gives us strangely little aid,  
But does tell something in the end.  
And steadfast as Keats’ Eremite,  
Not even stooping from its sphere,  
It asks a little of us here.  
It asks of us a certain height,  
So when at times the mob is swayed  
To carry praise or blame too far,  
We may choose something like a star  
To stay our minds on and be staid.

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**Next Sunday Service: June 3, 2018**

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

Rev. Steven Epperson

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## **UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**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@uniserive.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserive.com) or contact the church office at 604-261-7204.

# UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 17 EGM

The EGM will be held on JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### PICK UP JUNE UCV EVENTS TODAY!

**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).

**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).

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

**KIDS TAKEOVER UCV:** Inspired by the recent Kids Takeover UBC, we are planning for a Kids Takeover day at UCV. Come to the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kidstakeoverucv@gmail.com) There will be Pharoah Frog, ATCs, Bumblebees and Butterflies and ice cream. 12:30 – 1:30 pm.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.vancouverunitarians.ca/labyrinth) for more information.

**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.

**LOVE SOUP:** Last Sunday's Love Soup was another success. Even though it was during a long weekend, we did very well! Thank you very much for your support. The next Love Soup will be held on the third Sunday, June 17, and will be the last Love Soup of the 4<sup>th</sup> season before we take the Summer off. – *Amy Megumi Anderson*

**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**

Jean Lamond

**LUNCH**

No lunch today

**FLOWERS**

Carolyn Innes

**LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL**

Aphrodite Harris, Hilda Wiebe

**SOUND**

Rob Greig

**GREETERS**

John and Rae Smith, Greg Grant, Gary Smook, Hilda Wiebe

**WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE**

Brock MacLachlan, Dianne Crosbie

**CARETAKER(S)**

Edgar Silveira, Ben Yeung

*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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