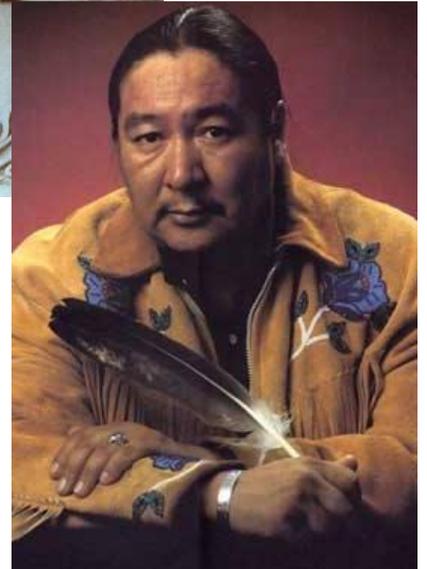




*“Tank Man”,
Tiananmen Square,
June 5, 1989;
Viola Desmond,
and Elijah Harper*



Courage

Rev. Steven Epperson & The UCV Congregation
November 4, 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 seats in the rear of the church are **reserved**: (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. The UCV Campus is a non-smoking environment.

TODAY AT UCV

MEDITATION: Join us for the Sunday morning sitting meditation at 10 – 10:45 am in the Meditation Room. There is brief guidance at the beginning of each sit. Inquiries: victoriaoginski@gmail.com

SERMON DISCUSSION, 12:15 – 12:45 pm at a designated table in the Hall. Newcomers/regulars welcome!

FORUM: 12:30 pm in the Fireside Room: “*Meet the Environment Team*”. Have you ever wondered why and how people become more environmentally aware, or even activists? Members of the Environment Team will share their stories of becoming “environment champions” -- in their day-to-day home life, in their work, in their engagement with current issues, and more. Through these stories you may discover ways you can contribute even more to improving the health of our blue planet.”

LUNCH will be prepared by the UCV Refugee Committee.

CURRENT ART EXHIBITION: M. Carscience: *The Light of All Things*. A collection of abstract light paintings. The images are made with a technique the artist calls “experimental optics,” curious experiments with digital photography and disassembled camera lens parts, which transforms the light of our illuminated environment into tableaux that challenge perceptions and invite the imagination to explore new realms.



Families with Children, Welcome!

Our Director of Religious Exploration, Kiersten Moore, coordinates a team of staff and volunteer teachers to provide programming for children (up to age 12) and youth (secondary school age). We build community, explore traditions and spiritual practices, ask big questions, and nurture individual power to bring love and justice forward. Visit our website for more information www.vancouverunitarians.ca or email Kiersten at dre@vancouverunitarians.ca There are many volunteer opportunities within the program and it is a great way to be involved, deepen spirituality, and build connections.

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.

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.

Children and Youth on Sundays

Everyone begins the morning together in the sanctuary for the first 10-15 minutes of worship through the *Story for All Ages*. The First Sunday of each month everyone remains in the Sanctuary for worship together (nursery care is available during all-ages services), 2nd to 5th Sundays children (up to 12) and youth (13-19) continue their Explorations across the courtyard in Hewett Centre.

Responsible adults must pick up children under age 9 from their classroom at 12:15, Youth Group runs until 12:30, older children and youth will be released to meet their family in the hall for coffee hour. You may join your child in Explorations, but we encourage giving them their own time whenever possible.

Colour Buttons Identify Teachers and Advisers

Orange: Toddler Watch--attending to babies and children under 4 within the Children's Program.

Green: Children's Program Leaders and Assistants

Yellow: Youth Advisers

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 explain what is going on, how people are listening or participating.
- 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 your child needs to leave the service, 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.

Celebration of Worship: November 4, 2018

Prelude *Sonata op.49 no.1* Beethoven*
E. Dainow, piano

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame Rev. Steven Epperson

Opening Hymn *#163 For the Earth Forever Turning*

New Member Recognition:

Jim Jiang

Sandra Scow

Susan Dallyn

John Boyle

Litany of Welcome and Affirmation

The Congregation: We welcome you as new members to our religious community. We will gladly walk with you in a common journey to deepen our spiritual and ethical lives. May that journey together be a fulfilling experience for all of us. May it bring the aims and ideals we share more fully to realization in our lives.

New Members: We thank you for welcoming us this day as we embark on membership in the Unitarian Church of Vancouver. We seek to learn explore, serve, and celebrate in this community. We promise to join with you to achieve the mission and vision of this congregation.

All: The Unitarian Church of Vancouver celebrates the diversity and shared values of its members. We cherish our freedom and openness to truth. We will support each other in our quest for meaning and justice. We will support each other in times of joy, sorrow, and need. Together may we deepen and celebrate our life in community, and help flourish the quality of life for all.

Story for All Ages Read by Douglas Ennenberg

Announcements Marg Fletcher

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns Marg Fletcher

Offering: *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.* *Menuetto & trio op.10 no.3* Beethoven
E. Dainow, piano

Meditation, Spoken then Silent

Courage

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Closing Words

Rev. Steven Epperson

Closing Hymn

#118 This Little Light of Mine

Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Valediction

Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again. (x2)

* Beethoven was very courageous not only in forging radical new ground in music composition - for which he received lots of criticism, but also in his relationships with the aristocracy. He had the courage to stand up to them and to make them treat him as an equal. – Elliott

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

UCV ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The Annual General Meeting of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver will be held November 18th in Hewett Centre at 12:30 pm. We will hold elections for the Board of Trustees and review the audited financial statements of our church. The Agenda and proxy voting forms can be found on the UCV homepage at <https://bit.ly/2OioS31>. Copies of the annual reports, audited statements, and biographies of the nominees for the Board can be obtained from the church office.

EARTH SPIRIT CIRCLE: Tuesday, November 6, 6 – 7 pm in Hitschmanova. Wendy and Mary will facilitate a "dark moon" ritual for the day before the new moon. Come and consider what you'd like to banish from your life! All welcome, whether Unitarian, pagan or just "pagan-curious". RSVP appreciated but not required: earthspiritucv@gmail.com

WREATH-MAKING: Please join us in Hewett Hall on Wednesday, November 7 from 1 – 4 pm to dress wreaths for the Vancouver Peace Poppies Ceremony of Remembrance (see 'Outside Events' below for details of the November 11th ceremony). Contact Lynn at lynnbea@gmail.com or 778-835-2546 for further info.

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD NOMINATIONS: Members of UCV may make additional nominations for Board positions by submitting a Nomination Petition for each nomination. The Nomination Petition shall be signed by at least 10 voting UCV members in good standing, include the written consent of the nominee and be filed with the Nominating Committee by November 11, 2018. Please submit to gordongram@me.com.

SECOND SUNDAY BOOK GROUP: *Heart Berries*, Terese Mailhot's debut memoir, is guileless and refreshingly honest. It chronicles her struggle to balance the beauty of her Native heritage with the often desperate and chaotic reality of life on the reservation. As she writes, she discovers her own true voice, seizes control of her story and, in so doing, reestablishes her connection to her family, to her people and to her place in the world. Join us in Biddle at 12:30 -2 pm on Nov 11 to discuss this powerful and informative book. All are welcome.

CO-OP HOUSING AT UCV: Would you like to be engaged in building or evaluating a business case for co-op housing on the UCV campus? Please contact paul@prescod.net immediately. A working group will start meeting on the topic in early November.

UCV REDEVELOPMENT BUSINESS PLAN: Join The Planning! Six work groups have been formed to contribute to the planning: New Hewett Hall, The Environment, Children/Child Care, The Cooperative Housing Option, Demographics and Pledge Potential, Managing Interim Arrangements During Construction, and “Plan B” – Assessing Hewett Hall and the Administration Building if we don’t proceed. This work will contribute to the decision by members next June as to whether or not to proceed with redevelopment.

An information note is available at the office about how the groups will work and who has joined already. The work assignment for each group will be sent to those who have joined. Gordon Gram (gordongram@me.com) and Michael Clague (mclague@telus.net)

LOVE SOUP: Thank you very much for participating in Love Soup last Sunday! We had five delicious soups, three different desserts and a fresh garden salad with tasty Terra Breads. Everything is prepared by our dedicated volunteers. Thanks to your wonderful support, we can continue to present Love Soup every third Sunday. We look forward to seeing you on November 18!

COFFEE SERVICE: Thanks to all who have offered to help. Much appreciated! Please consider becoming a Spare helper for the Sundays when we may be short. Contact Eva Allan at eallan@telus.net or at 604-738-4062.

JOIN OUR SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS (AKA THE USHERS): We are looking for people who have one hour once a month to volunteer and join us in welcoming visitors and members of the congregation to Sunday morning worship service. No experience necessary – on the job training provided! For more information, please contact Denise Nereida at 604-731-7630 / ditzah@telus.net or Margo Elfert at 604-276-1610 / margoe@telus.net

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Office staff are looking for a few more brave souls to volunteer at the office reception desk on Sundays from 10 am - 1 pm. The 2nd and 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month are still available. Duties are mainly to provide a presence, assistance to members, photocopying, answering the phone. If this sounds like fun or even slightly terrifying, please call Aurora at 604-261-7204, extension 224, or email ca@vancouverunitarians.ca.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: Rainbow Refugee will be the recipient of OOF funding for October to the end of January. Founded in 2000, the charity is a Vancouver-based community group that supports people seeking refugee protection in Canada because of persecution based on sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or HIV status.

UCV NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS:

- New Westminster: Rob Dainow (rdainow@shaw.ca)
- East Vancouver: Mairy Beam (mairyelesbea@gmail.com) and Paul Prescod (paul@prescod.net)
- Richmond/South of the Fraser: Drew Lemen (lemen.drew@gmail.com)
- Westside: Jeannie Corsi – contact ucvconnect@gmail.com
- Fairview/False Creek – Vivian Davidson (vdavidsonsc@gmail.com)

Is your neighbourhood not listed? Would you like to meet Unitarians who live near you? Contact Mary Bennett ucvconnect@gmail.com for help at connecting with your neighbours.

NEW BENCHES ON THE UCV CAMPUS: The Buildings and Grounds Committee has approved the design for new benches in the public areas of the campus, replacing the remaining aging structures. A prototype is installed in the East Memorial Garden. The \$900 cost of this new bench is being paid for in part by a member (a larger, 3 person version will be more).

We 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. Arrangement for a charitable receipt can be made. For more information please contact Catherine Stewart at stewartcm@shaw.ca.



OUTSIDE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LET PEACE BE THEIR MEMORIAL: A ceremony hosted by Vancouver Peace Poppies commemorating the civilian victims of war Sunday November 11th from 2:30 to 4:00 pm at the Seaforth Peace Park, Burrard Street & 1st Avenue. This event is supported by the UCV Social Justice Committee.

BOOK LAUNCH: *Inuit Quajimajatuqangit: What Inuit Have Always Known to be True*. 7 to 9 pm, November 15, at the Museum of Anthropology Community Lounge. Dr. Frank Tester, Professor Emeritus UBC will be present to speak about the book which, as a collection of contributions by respected Inuit Elders, functions as a way of preserving important knowledge and traditions. Dr. Tester has travelled and worked throughout Nunavut Territory and brings to his work a commitment to social justice and human rights. Books will be available for purchase at the special discounted price of \$20 (cash only please). Please RSVP Marjorie Lee by email marjorie.lee888@gmail.com or by phone 604-961-3063. Refreshments will be served. Guests are Welcome!

FARMERS ON 57TH ANNOUNCEMENT: The Farmers on 57th team (a therapeutic educational and productive urban farm at Cambie and 57th) wants to say THANK YOU to the UCV members who have supported us, in so many ways, as we work to forge a vibrant local food system in South Vancouver: in particular, Patti Turner, Elliot Dainow, Rob Taylor and Naomi Taylor. To learn more about us, visit www.farmerson57th.ca

Do you receive our e-newsletters? If not, please go to vancouverunitarians.ca/newsletter to view recent newsletters (and sign up to receive in your inbox.)

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

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Chris Pearce

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Jean Stanton, Jean Desmond, Lindsay Udem

SOUND

Rob Taylor

GREETERS

Ursula Litzcke, Gerda Schulz, Margo Elfert

LUNCH

Refugee Committee

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Jenny Podlecki, Geoff Rempel

CARETAKER(S)

Paul Nash, Ben Yeung

Next Sunday Service: November 11, 2018

In Memoriam: Remembrance Day

Rev. Steven Epperson



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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