



## *Abundance and Thanksgiving*

Rev. Steven Epperson

October 7, 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 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 Family Room. There is brief guidance at the beginning of each sit. Inquiries: [victoriaoginski@gmail.com](mailto:victoriaoginski@gmail.com)

**SERMON DISCUSSION,** 12:15 – 1 pm at a designated table in the Hall. Newcomers/regulars welcome!

**FORUM:** “*Meet the Kinder Morgan Arrestees!*” Four UCV members chose to cross the injunction line at the Kinder Morgan site and face arrest, jail time, and fines. One other member faces a lawsuit and potential bankruptcy. Why did they do this? Hear their personal stories and their experiences with the police and legal system. We will also hear from a lawyer who will speak on the legal implications and potential future developments now that the company has been bought by the Canadian government. Sponsored by the Environment Team.

**LUNCH:** Today's lunch was prepared by our newly arrived Syrian Family and their friends. Yasser and Fatim are so very grateful for the help they received and they are now busy learning English. The children are in ESL classes and happy.

**NEW 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 tableaus that challenge perceptions and invite the imagination to explore new realms.

**COMPUTUTOR:** Noon to 1 pm. in Lindsey. Come and get your technical questions addressed. Paul Prescod and Galen Elfort in residence. Questions: [Randallmackinnon@yahoo.ca](mailto:Randallmackinnon@yahoo.ca)

## ***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](http://www.vancouverunitarians.ca) or email Kiersten at [dre@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto: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), 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> 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: October 7, 2018

**Prelude** *Impromptu op. 90 #2* Schubert  
*Ballet Music from "Rosamunde"* Schubert  
E. Dainow, piano

**Invocation** *We Gather Here Together* With the Chalice Choir

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

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

**Opening Hymn** #349 *We Gather Together*

**Special Presentation** Outreach Opportunities Fund

**Teacher Dedication of our Religions Exploration Teachers**

**TEACHERS:** We recognize and accept our teaching responsibility and pledge, as best we are able, to give ourselves for the well-being of our children and youth. *(to the children)* We shall aim not to impose our ideas upon you, but to engage your minds, hearts, and hands, and together embolden your spirits.

**CONGREGATION:** We recognize that we are partners in this important endeavor — by the lives we model, by the relationships we create with the children and youth, and by the resources we provide to the Religious Exploration Program.

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH:** Thank you for spending time with us, having fun, and holding space for us. We look forward to this year together.

**Story for All Ages** *The Stolen Soup Aroma*  
Told by Kiersten Moore

**Hymn** #407 *We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table*

**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.* *Minuet & Trio (from the 'Rosamunde Quartet')* Schubert  
E. Dainow, piano

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

***Abundance and Thanksgiving: An All-Congregation Activity*****Child Dedication**

Rosamond Ingrid Beth Armstrong-Frattaroli

**Closing Hymn***#355 We Lift Our Hearts in Thanks***Closing Words**

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Extinguishing the Chalice Flame**

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Valediction***Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again. (x2)***UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**THANKSGIVING CIRCLE DANCE:** Mon. Oct. 8, 7 – 9 pm, Hirschmanova. We'll circle dance for thanksgiving. Come along and, if you can, bring a snack to share our abundance. We often cancel on statutory holidays but since I'm doing a dinner on Saturday, we're going ahead. Come and dance your gratitude with songs like "Thank You for This Day" and "Heartfelt Thanks and Gratitude." Bring a snack to share if it's easy. Leftovers welcome! RSVP appreciated but not required to Mary Bennett [circledanceucv@gmail.com](mailto:circledanceucv@gmail.com)

**OCTOBER 21 FORUM:** The UCV Board presents: Filling the gaps for Phase 2 of the redevelopment research. Task groups will be struck to research items not covered in the Phase 2 proposal, including "What happens if we don't go forward with redevelopment", which will include proposal for a depreciation report and collection of existing records from B&G. Other proposals may include application for a housing co-op. Additional ideas or identification of gaps will be sought at the Forum, with the understanding that volunteers to undertake the tasks will be a necessary part of the discussion.

**LABYRINTH WALK, FALL PLANT SWAP AND ECO-ARTS:** Outdoors or Lindsey-Priestley, Sunday, October 21 1 – 3 pm. Sandy will show you how to make a fall art piece for your wall. Mary and Coral will organize herbal teas, labyrinth information and plant swap (giveaway)!

**FREE HERBAL WORKSHOP:** Gaia Gardens will be offering a free herbal workshop on October 21, 3-4:30 pm. Thanks to a neighbourhood small grant from Vancouver Foundation and South Vancouver Neighbourhood Workshop. Refreshments provided. RSVP for these gatherings appreciated [earthspiritucv@gmail.com](mailto:earthspiritucv@gmail.com)

**NEXT MOVEABLE FEAST:** Saturday, October 28 at 6:00 pm. Location: Kaya Malay Bistro, 1063 West Broadway (between Spruce and Oak). RSVP: Dianne Crosbie, [dcrosbie@uniserve.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com)

## UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2 SEATS REMAINING FOR THE FREE COMPUTER WORKSHOPS!** Over the course of 4 Saturdays, participants will learn how to post news and events to the UCV website; how to use email and social media with UCV; how to create a poster design for 11x17 posters; how to use tools on the internet for UCV tasks ( or other miscellaneous topics). Participants must bring an electronic device with them. Please email Aurora at [ca@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:ca@vancouverunitarians.ca) to register. First workshop is Saturday, October 13 from 1 – 3:30 pm in Lindsey-Priestley. Hosted by Connect & Engage, funding provided by the Robert Koerner Fund.

**SOUL COLLAGE GROUP?** Would you be interested in a regular time to get together to create soul collages? Coral Heron is a registered soul collage facilitator and is interested in forming a group at UCV. Contact [coralheron@shaw.ca](mailto:coralheron@shaw.ca) with your preferred time and date. More info at [soulcollage.com](http://soulcollage.com)

**THE UCV BOOK GROUP** next meet on Oct 14 from 12:30 – 2:00 pm, in Biddle. The book *Forgiveness* by Mark Sakamoto invites you to a unique view of some Canadian history, of Japanese and Canadians from both sides of the Pacific, through his family story.

**COFFEE SERVICE:** Thanks to those who have offered to help. Much appreciated! We still have a couple of regular spots to fill. We need servers for the 3rd and 4th Sunday of each month. If you can't commit to be a regular helper, please consider becoming a spare. Please contact Eva Allan at [eallan@telus.net](mailto:eallan@telus.net) or at 604-738-4062.

**GENDERS AND SEXUALITIES ALLIANCE:** We plan to recertify as a congregation welcoming to LGBTQ+ members and visitors. Would you join our GSA (Genders and Sexualities Alliance)? Mary Bennett – [sharingucv@gmail.com](mailto:sharingucv@gmail.com)  
<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/about-us/lgbtq/>



**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. Greeters hand out the Order of Service and collect the offertory. After the offertory you can sit in the sanctuary for the remainder of the service. This is a pleasant way to meet other people, and to take a role in the life of our community. You will join an experienced team of greeters on the Sunday of your choice. No experience necessary – on the job training provided! For more information, please contact Denise Nereida at 604-731-7630 / [ditzah@telus.net](mailto:ditzah@telus.net) or Margo Elfert at 604-276-1610 / [margoe@telus.net](mailto:margoe@telus.net)

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Office staff are looking for volunteers to provide a presence at the reception desk on Sundays from 10 am - 1 pm. Training will be provided. If interested, please call Aurora at 604-261-7204, extension 224, or email [ca@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto: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. It supports and assists LGBTQ+ /HIV+ refugee claimants in the Lower Mainland through facilitated peer support, referrals, system navigation and accompaniment. It stewards the Rainbow Refugee Assistance Project which has enabled LGBTQ+ communities in more than 14 municipalities across Canada to sponsor LGBTQ+ refugees.

## UCV NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS:

- New Westminster: Rob Dainow ([rdainow@shaw.ca](mailto:rdainow@shaw.ca))
- East Vancouver: Mairy Beam ([mairyelesbea@gmail.com](mailto:mairyelesbea@gmail.com)) and Paul Prescod ([paul@prescod.net](mailto:paul@prescod.net))
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- Westside: Jeannie Corsi – contact [ucvconnect@gmail.com](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com)
- Fairview/False Creek – Vivian Davidson ([vdavidsonsc@gmail.com](mailto:vdavidsonsc@gmail.com))

Is your neighbourhood not listed? Would you like to meet Unitarians who live near you? Contact Mary Bennett [ucvconnect@gmail.com](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com) for help at connecting with your neighbours. Mary can offer some suggestions of how to get started and facilitate introductions.

**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.)

**THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** is exploring the idea of creating opportunities for people to bring their small household appliances to have them repaired (as we are able). We would like to hear from those who have a talent for making your appliances work again. If you enjoy fixing things, and would like to volunteer, please contact [tweedyx4@hotmail.com](mailto:tweedyx4@hotmail.com) or leave a message at 604-733-0370 or 604-261-7204.

## THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

### COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Catherine Hembling, Amy Anderson, Joan Balmer

### FLOWERS

Chris Pearce

### LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Jean Stanton, Jean Desmond, Lindsay Udem

### SOUND

Rob Taylor

### GREETERS

Ursula Litzcke, Gerda Schulz, Margo Elfert

### LUNCH

Refugee Committee

### WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Alison Pearson, Nancy Strider

### CARETAKER(S)

Paul Nash, Igor Santizo

## Next Sunday Service: October 14, 2018

*Indigenous Peoples and the Law: Stories of Resistance and Hope*

Dr. Bruce McIvor



## **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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