



Canadian Scenes by Seth

Setting Out for the Summer

Rev. Steven Epperson

June 30, 2019



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!

ART EXHIBITION: *Free to Be... Me!* This year's Children's Art Show was inspired by a project we did in March around the transgender day of visibility. They talked about what it means to be an individual and the importance of being free to express yourself and not hide who you really are. Each child had the opportunity in April to create a portrait of themselves in any way that spoke to them. Here are self-portraits of many children in our Religious Exploration program. Portraits in words, pictures, symbols, and colour. Each personal to the individual artist. I hope you enjoy this small peek into our children's creative reflection of themselves.

Families with Children, Welcome!

Parents of toddlers please check in at the first room in Hewett Centre (Lindsey-Priestly) with the Guides before the service. Depending on your child's needs and personality you and the Guides can decide whether your child stays with you or joins any older kids who attend.

Children's Program: We are committed to providing safe, compassionate, age-appropriate programming for all children and youth who attend or visit UCV. Our goal is to find the Fun with Meaning! Our Summer program is small and laid back, focused on games, gardening, and art led by volunteer guides and parents. Activities are open to both members and visitors. Everyone attends the start of service together through the chalice lighting, opening hymn, and story for all ages.

After the story children ages 3-12 may join our Religious Exploration Guides in Hewett Centre for garden activities, games, and art. (see note above about children under age 3).

Children and babies are welcome to remain with their adult family members through the service if they prefer.

Please meet your child in the first room in Hewett Centre (Lindsey-Priestley) or in the garden after the service: children under age 9 will remain with the Guides until met by a responsible family member.

Youth Group: Our High School Youth Group (grades 8-12) does not meet during the summer. During the school year our Youth Group is led collaboratively by the youth and adult advisors. They meet weekly to explore issues of faith development, social justice, life experiences, trials, tribulations, and joys and sorrows of navigating life—through games and small group activities. Other activities include monthly youth sleepovers at the church, Regional UU Youth Conferences, and the UU-United Nations Office (NYC) Spring Seminar on Climate Justice in April. Please contact Olivia Hall (oliviahmargaret@gmail.com) or Kiersten Moore (dre@vancouverunitarians.ca) for more information.

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: June 30, 2019

Prelude *Little Prelude in E* J.S. Bach
Sheep May Safely Graze J.S. Bach, arr. Phillip Keveren
Jesu, Joy J.S. Bach, arr. Keveren
Eric Wyness, Piano

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame Rev. Steven Epperson

Opening Hymn #1024 *When the Spirit Says Do*

Story for All Ages Read by Rev. Steven Epperson

Announcements Julia Myers

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns Julia Myers

Offering: *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.* *Bye Bye Blackbird* Ray Henderson
Eric Wyness, Piano

Text-to-Give!

Did you know that you can now donate to UCV via text message? Simply text an amount to 778-771-1707 to get started today, or visit <http://bit.ly/2VFEWDS> for more information!

Meditation, Spoken then Silent Rev. Steven Epperson

Musical Response *Sleepers, Awake* J.S. Bach, arr. Keveren
Eric Wyness, Piano

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Closing Hymn #66 *When the Summer Sun Is Shining*

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice Flame Rev. Steven Epperson

Valediction *Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again*
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UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR HARRY AND UU SUMMER CAMP! August 12-16 will see Hewett Centre once again transformed into the Great Hall and Hogwarts classrooms. Harry and UU summer camp is theatre-in-action for kids ages 7-12. There are volunteer leadership opportunities for youth ages 13+ with a Red Cross first aid certificate. To register visit <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/summer-camp-register/> This experiential camp is for anyone who loves the adventures of Harry Potter and wishes to explore theatre as social action. Children can expect to make their own wand, create their patronus, taste butterbeer and other magical snacks, participate in lessons of Magic and Sorcery, discover their house and much, much, more!

COMPASSIONATE COMMUNICATION CIRCLES: Want more compassion in your world? Consider UCV's two Compassionate Communication Circles (practicing Compassionate Communication, CC) **plus** the Compassion Course Online 2019 from N.Y. (receiving 52 weekly emails covering CC concepts we then practice in the Circles). The Circles' 1st session (for both groups) is on June 23rd, 9:30 - 10:55 am in the Fireside Room. Each group will thereafter meet on the 4th Sunday of the month in the Family Room. Group A at 9:30 am & Group B at 12:30 pm. Registration is required sresels@gmail.com or cindy_returns@yahoo.com.

EARTH SPIRIT CIRCLE will meet from 7–8:30 pm over the summer on the first Tuesday of the month. Mairy Beam and Mary Bennett are also coordinating an earth spirit ritual/circle dance gathering on the LAST Tuesday in July and August. To check on summertime and fall (if scheduled) earth spirit, circle dance and labyrinth events, check here: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/earth-spirit>

A THIRD WOMEN'S GROUP: It all started at a discussion group while at the 4th Annual Women's Gathering when 2 groups were formed. Because we want to continue enriching and empowering the lives of women, we are forming a third one which will meet the third Tuesday, 7 – 9 pm, in the Fireside Room, starting September 17th. Registration is required at sresels@gmail.com.

JASON SHELTON WORKSHOP: Answering the Call of Love: Building Community Through Song with Rev. Jason Shelton. September 27, 28 & 29, 2019, Unitarian Church of Vancouver. We are very excited to be able to offer this opportunity! Jason Shelton is a UU musician, minister and composer (Fire of Commitment and many more) who believes in the power of music to inspire and unite. The workshop is open to anyone who likes to sing and will conclude with the Sunday service. Register online at eventbrite.ca (search Jason Shelton in Vancouver) or print out the registration form on the church website (vancouverunitarians.ca). Registration forms are also available in the church office. Please email Donna Brown if you need more information (quinnbrown44@gmail.com)

THE UNITARIAN FEMINIST BOOK CLUB meets over zoom (computers) every 2nd Sunday from 4–5 pm. For July 14 we'll be discussing Elizabeth Renzetti's book *Shrewed*. Contact Mary Bennett maryinvancouver@gmail.com or check the website www.facebook.com/CANUUWA/ for more details. *Shrewed* is in UCV library and vpl.ca has several copies. If you'd like to be reminded about upcoming meetings and the books to be discussed, just ask Mary to add you to the googlegroup.

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARE FOR PRIDE: UCV is proud to have been an officially welcoming congregation since 1995 (the second in Canada). This year we're celebrating pride with a new rainbow-themed book mark with the principles and sources. Please pick up one or 2 or 3 and take home. When someone asks you about the Unitarians, you'll be ready! – Mary Bennett, Chair, UCV Communications Committee.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Please let us know if you would like copies of any of the material that was available at last Sunday's EGM: Notes from the Committee, slides from Catalyst, the ARA response letter from the City. Gordon Gram - gordongram@me.com / Michael Clague - michael@clagueconsultants.com

2019-2020 DIRECTORY OF SMALL GROUPS AND COMMITTEES: Are you looking to get involved with a group but not sure what's available? Our updated Directory will help you navigate our complex Unitarian community. You can find hard copies on the Welcome Tables or in the office. If you'd like an e-version, contact Sheila R. at sresels@gmail.com.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: Over the next few months I REALLY need help finding great candidates for our board after next November ... this is a crucial time. If you can help on this committee or you know it's your time to step forward for the board, contact Marg at mfletcher508@gmail.com or 778-772-1120. Thanks! – Marg Fletcher

FORUM COORDINATOR NEEDED: Would you like to make a contribution to the UCV community using your organizational skills? We are looking for a Forum Coordinator for the forums being held on Sundays after service by various groups. You would be responsible to be in communication with the groups holding the forums and to relay the forum info to the office staff and UCV communications. It is an important role, but would only require a few hours a month. If this seems like a fit for you, please contact Cindy Cashin, chair of the Program Coordinating Council at cindy_returns@yahoo.com

SUMMER CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Children's Program needs volunteers for July and August Sundays to be Family Guides—to greet and welcome families and to engage any children over age 4 in either gardening, art, games, or any combination thereof. Please find the sign-up sheet circulating in the sanctuary—or after the service in Hewett Hall. See Kiersten Moore, DRE for Safe Congregation Policy forms. See <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/community/volunteer/>.

JOIN OUR SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS! (aka, the Ushers). We are in need of more people who can volunteer approximately one hour, once a month, to welcome visitors and members of the congregation to Sunday morning worship service. You would hand out the Order of Service as people arrive, and help to 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 an active 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 or ditzah@telus.net

EARTH SPIRIT E-NEWSLETTER: We send out a monthly e-newsletter that includes earth spirit circle, labyrinth news and circle dance gatherings. Sign up at vancouverunitarians.ca/earth-spirit

EARTH HAS A SOUL GROUP – has been postponed till the fall. It's now full, but if you'd like to be on a wait list, contact Mary Bennett, earthspiritucv@gmail.com

UCV NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS:

- New Westminster: Rob Dainow (rdainow@shaw.ca)
- East Vancouver: Mairy Beam (mairyelesbea@gmail.com) and Paul Prescod (paul@prescod.net)
- Westside: Jeannie Corsi & Sheila Resels – 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.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: From June through September, the Outreach Opportunities Fund will be collecting for the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre which every day supports over 500 women, children and seniors in crisis to meet their immediate health, housing and other needs. It helps women escape from poverty and violence by offering long-term support, education and peer mentorship. In addition, it advocates to increase awareness of inequalities and systemic injustice against women.

UCV CARE AND CONCERN COMMITTEE

A way to reach out in time of need: If you or others in the congregation are in need of support in times of transition, loss, illness, moving, etc., please contact: careandconcern@vancouverunitarians.ca. Sincerely, Rev. Epperson

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.)

Next Sunday Service: July 7, 2019

Labyrinth or Maze? Reflections 20 Years Later

Mary Bennett

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Karen Hertz, Catherine Stewart, Randall MacKinnon

FLOWERS

Lorraine Calame

LUNCH

No lunch today

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

David Buchanan, Leslie Hill

SOUND

Hans Elfert

GREETERS

Paul Prescod, Pat Johnson, Hank Einarson, Jane Dermer

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Brock MacLachlan, Huguette Sansonnet

CARETAKER(S)

Edgar Silveira



We actively welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities!

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
COMMUNITY MINISTER	Rev. Laura Imayoshi
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