



***Home: The Power of Connection
in a Disjointed World***

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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.



*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!

THE ENVIRONMENT TEAM is meeting today in Biddle at 12:30. Interested or curious to hear what is going on? Come by and check out what we are doing within the church, around town, and beyond!

ART EXHIBITION by the Developmental Disabilities Association. To purchase art, contact Hailey Arthur, manager of the Main Street drop-in. 604-322-0052. Art opening event taking place on Thursday, August 8, from 5:30 to 8 pm.

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-Priestly) 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: August 18, 2019

Prelude	<i>Our House</i>	Crosby, Stills, and Nash Patrick Dubois
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours		Tara Bonham
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Kiersten Moore
Opening Hymn		#360 <i>Here We Have Gathered</i>
Story for All Ages	<i>Something Beautiful</i> by Sharon Dennis Wyeth Read by Kiersten Moore	
Children's Recessional	Let's sing the children out... " <i>Go now in peace...</i> "	
Announcements		Julia Myers
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Julia Myers
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Homeward Bound</i>	Simon and Garfunkel Patrick Dubois

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!

Introduction to Meditation		Tara Bonham
Meditation – Sung then Silent		#1002 <i>Comfort Me</i>
Musical Response	<i>Home</i>	Phillip Phillips Patrick Dubois & Tara Bonham

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Opening Hymn		#1008 <i>When Our Heart is in a Holy Place</i>
Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice Flame		Kiersten Moore
Valediction	<i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again (x2)</i>	

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

REFUGEE COMMITTEE BARBEECUE: A sub-group of the Refugee Committee is trying to bring a Syrian family of five from a refugee camp in Jordan. The Prescod family is leading that team and they have organized a barbecue at the church for August 25 (5–8 pm). Tickets are cheap and we expect to have fun music, delicious food and lots of good things. Learn more and buy tickets online (or from Paul). <http://bit.ly/ucv-refugee-bbq-2019>

NEW SINGING GROUP: Do you like to sing? Would you like to sing once a month in a small group that doesn't judge or perform? We will meet for the first time at 12:45 `1aa2pm on September 15 and gather on the third Sunday every month until April. You're invited! My name's Glenn Deefholts and I've been playing the piano and hosting singalongs for years. I'll play while we sing, sharing my five copies of the Vancouver Ukulele Circle Songbook. Three people can gather around each book. There are songs from about 1910 to 2010 in various genres. The group is limited to a maximum of about 12 people, unless more songbooks are purchased. We will sing after lunch, from 12:45 to 1:45, taking turns choosing songs. No registration is required; just come to the Lindsey-Priestley Room at 12:45 each third Sunday.

EARTH SPIRIT CIRCLE will meet 7 to 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)

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE #5: *What is the redevelopment package?* A 95-unit, 6-story, non-market rental housing, 50% to accommodate families; a new Hewett Centre (financed out of the project). The package is to generate a growing revenue stream for the church into the future. For information and participation: Gordon Gram (gordongram@me.com) Michael Clague (mclague@telus.net).

FRIDAY AT LAST: In one form or another, we have organized regular programs for Friday afternoons and / or evenings since 2003. This has included Philosophers' Cafes, Friday Cafes and Fireside Chats, usually in the Fireside Room. In recent years, the programs have been held on the Last Friday of each month. With inspiration and tips from Vancouver Foundation, we are now planning an "On the Table" (s) food, fun and facilitation for Last Friday - September 27th. Want to talk about it, ask questions, or offer suggestions - I will be at a table in the Alcove after service on Sunday August 11th. I will have a smile and a red hat on. Otherwise contact RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca (604-446-9673)

HOMESHARE IN RICHMOND: Lovely, updated townhouse with garden in peaceful family complex with heated pool, close to nature and right on two bus routes, is available to Homeshare. Prefer a mature, independent adult who shares Unitarian values. For further info and cost details contact Cindy Cashin: cindy_returns@yahoo.com

NEW GROUPS STARTING in September: singing; collage; writing... If you have an idea for a new group at UCV contact Sheila R or Mary Bennett at ucvconnect@gmail.com (See website for further info about groups already planned).

LABYRINTH FLOWERS & HERBS: Feel free to pick yourself a bouquet of flowers and herbs from the garden labyrinth! I call it pre-emptive dead-heading. You are invited to pick yourself a bouquet of flowers and herbs to take home from the labyrinth. – Mary Bennett

DO YOU ENJOY LIFE WRITING? A writing group will start meeting every two weeks starting in September facilitated by Andrea Nicki, author of three prose poetry books, editor, and professor in ethical leadership at Fairleigh Dickinson University. In each meeting of 90 minutes the group will discuss short pieces of life writing or prose poetry on a topic, write individually about the topic, and then share writing with others (optional) in a spirit of mutual appreciation. All genders and ages 19+ are welcome! Registration is required: nicandr4@aol.com. The meeting time of the group will be determined after taking a poll of registrants.

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.

DEAR SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AND TEA DRINKERS: We still need more volunteers to go on the Spares list! You will provide replacement when a regular Coffee Angel can't make it. It may even affect whether you and others get something to drink some Sundays. Men, you are also welcome to volunteer. Contact Eva Allan at eallan@telus.net, 604-738-4062.

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.

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.)

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

Next Sunday Service: August 25, 2019

You Want Me to Feel Curious and Compassionate About Them?!

Rev. Meg Roberts

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

George Myers, Catherine Stewart, Eva Allan

FLOWERS

Diane Donaldson

LUNCH

No lunch today

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Frances Anderson, David Buchanan

SOUND

Kaelyn Elfert

GREETERS

Carolyn Grant, Setty Pendakur, Shriley McLeod, Denise Nereida

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Brock MacLachlan, Dianne Crosbie

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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CHOIR DIRECTOR	Donna Brown
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