



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

Rev. Meg Roberts

August 25, 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!

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 later today (5 – 8 pm). If you would like to attend, please contact Paul at paul@prescod.net or 778-991-1442 to learn whether there are still tickets available. Donations are always gratefully received. <http://bit.ly/ucv-refugee-bbq-2019>

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-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.

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!

Closing Hymn

#311 *Let it Be a Dance*

Closing Words

By Mark K Belletini
Rev. Meg Roberts

Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Mason Harris

Valediction

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

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

UCV EVENTS: Pick up your 2-page copy of UCV Events today to see September worship services, forums and a list of events. Our website (vancouverunitarians.ca) is the most accurate and up-to-date list of events. September e-newsletter will go out soon. Sign up on home page - scroll down to bottom right corner.

CIRCLE DANCE THE EASY WAY: Next Sunday. Fireside Room, 2 – 3:30 pm. We dance 4 dances that we repeat several times. RSVP appreciated but not required. A good way to try it out if it's new for you. circledanceucv@gmail.com (Mary Bennett)

PAGAN RITUAL/CIRCLE DANCE: Tuesday, August 27, 7 – 9 pm in the Hall. Join us to celebrate - **apples** and the coming of autumn! We cast a circle; call directions and include a ritual and activity related to earth spirituality (our 6th source). RSVP appreciated but not required earthspiritucv@gmail.com (Mary Bennett)

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 pm 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: welcomes Brian Jones: strawboss.ca. We will learn to weave with straw/wheat. 3rd Tuesday, Sept. 17, 7 – 8:30 pm. RSVP to earthspiritucv@gmail.com or just show up. **Sign up** for monthly earth spirit e-news at vancouverunitarians.ca/earth-spirit

COLLAGE/ART/JOURNALING/ATCS/SOUL COLLAGE: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Bring your current project to work on (if you have one) for the first monthly session and then we can decide how to proceed as a group. Some supplies are available for collage projects/ATCs, but bring your own if you have them. This is an opportunity for creative play and self-exploration using art. Please RSVP to Coral at CoachCoral@gmail.com and with any ideas or questions you may have.

A THIRD WOMEN'S GROUP: It all started at a discussion group while at the 4th Annual Women's Gathering when two 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. Registration forms are also available in the church office. Please email Donna Brown if you need more information (quinnbrown44@gmail.com).

ARE YOU NEW TO UCV? The Connect & Engage team are organizing two events over the fall for new members: A Nov. 2 lunch/social for people who have joined within the past 5 years: <https://new-members-lunch.eventbrite.ca> and an Oct. 20 mentor program for new members moving into leadership <https://ucv-mentors.eventbrite.ca>. Questions? Contact ucvconnect@gmail.com.

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINTER IS COMING! Have you ever wanted to learn (or re-learn, or even just practice) the skill of canning so that you can enjoy a perfect August peach in February; or a vegetable medley in a salsa — or any number of harvest delights? In order to raise money to bring refugees to Canada, Lilia Prescod will offer canning classes (or canning parties!) for 1-4 people and include the equipment, jars and even food that you can, um, can. \$50 will get you a private canning party, 5-8 jars of your choosing, plus learning or practicing a fun skill and knowing you are helping to bring a refugee to Canada. If you are interested and would like to learn more, contact Lilia Prescod at lilia@prescod.net.

APPLES! Two of our apple trees now have ripe apples. Please leave the others till September when ripe. You are free to pick those on the ground (but do cut up to make sure there isn't worms inside!). Ready now: Gravenstein (southwest-most tree) and Sunrise (three trees east of the Gravenstein, ie. 4th tree in).

CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE #6: *What are the concerns?* Timing is bad: we will be recruiting a new minister; volunteer and staff resources will be over-stretched; carrying on during construction. What about just up-grading the Hewett Centre? Members can get involved in these and other issues with five member work groups and five special Sunday forums sponsored by the Planning Committee starting September 15th. 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. 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

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.

OUTSIDE EVENTS

THE ELIOT QUARTET: Prize-winning string quartet based in Frankfurt, appear in Vancouver for the first time on Sept. 7, 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Featuring works by Haydn, Prokofiev and Beethoven. All welcome. Admission, donation at the door. www.eliotquartet.com. Inquiries: 778-989-2839

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: September 1, 2019

Greater Than the Sun
Rev. Christopher Wulff

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS	Gerda Schulz, Amy Megumi Anderson, George Myers
FLOWERS	Lorraine Calame
LUNCH	No lunch today
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL	Aphrodite Harris, Hilda Wiebe
SOUND	Rob Greig
GREETERS	John Smith, Greg Grant, Diane Brown, Ursula Litzcke
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Philomene Jahnke, Jenny Podlecki
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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