



## *Water Communion / In-Gathering*

Rev. Steven Epperson

*September 8, 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.



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

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

**SEPTEMBER 8 FORUM:** *What happened to the Peace Movement?* 12:30 in Fireside. Continuing militarism is contributing significantly to the climate crisis. Guest speakers, Furquan Gehlen and Carol Zhong, will share information about the Canadian Peace Initiative, a new Metro Vancouver chapter of **World Beyond War** and planned actions. Soup & snacks will be available in the Fireside Room for those attending the Forum. All welcome.

**COMPUTUTOR** in the Lindsey room at 12 pm - come with your phone, tablet or laptop problems and get solutions!

**THE UCV BOOK CLUB** meets today, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 in Biddle to discuss *The Hidden Life of Trees*, [non-fiction] by Peter Wohlleben, which deals with the complexities of tree "feelings", how they communicate and their function in the environment. Everyone is welcome!

**ART EXHIBITION** by the Developmental Disabilities Association. To purchase art, contact Hailey Arthur, manager of the Main Street drop-in, 604-322-0052.

## ***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](mailto:oliviahmargaret@gmail.com)) or Kiersten Moore ([dre@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto: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: September 8, 2019

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Water Music (excerpts)</i>	G. F. Handel A. Duranceau, E. Bridwell & E. Dainow
<b>Invocation</b>	<i>Gathered Here</i>	P. Porter With the Chalice Choir
<b>Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours</b>		Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>Kindling the Chalice Flame</b>		Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<i>#361 Enter, Rejoice, and Come In</i>	

## Litany: A New Year at UCV Begins

**Minister:** We welcome the beginning of the 2019-20 church year and we proclaim that with this day, a new year in the history of our community begins.

**Congregation:** *The blessings of this religious community are open to all, young and old.*

**Minister:** Grace, beauty, compassion, spirit and justice can be present in the everyday – here and now - in the acts of service we share with one another, in the steps we take together in spirit, mind and heart.

**Congregation:** *With patience, reason, imagination, and good will, we can also move out from this Sanctuary and help make the world more kind, thoughtful, and just.*

**Minister:** We are here only for a brief time to dearly love life and to make a difference for good in our homes, in the congregation, and in our schools, places of work, and the community beyond.

**Congregation:** *The whole world may move toward restoration when we love, care, and learn from each other.*

**All:** *It is never too late to begin again. Let's do it here and now. So be it.*

<b>Story for All Ages</b>		Read by Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>Announcements</b>		Ursula Litzcke
<b>Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns</b>		Ursula Litzcke
<b>Offering:</b> <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Minuet</i>	G. F. Handel A. Duranceau, E. Bridwell, & E. Dainow
<b>Meditation: Spoken then Silent</b>		Rev. Steven Epperson

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*Rev. Steven Epperson & Congregation*

**Closing Hymn**

*# 1 Let Nothing Evil Cross This Door*

**Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame**

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Valediction**

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

## **UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**PLANT DAFFODILS AND TULIPS IN THE LABYRINTH:** Karen Theroux and Mary Bennett are planting bulbs on Thursday, September 12, 10:30 - 12 noon. If you can join us to do a fall tidy-up of the labyrinth, we'd love to have your help. [maryinvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:maryinvancouver@gmail.com)

**A POTLUCK DINNER** for the East Van UCV group will be held next Saturday, September 14 at 6:00 pm at the home of Sheila Lindfield. Please contact her at: [sheilalindfield@gmail.com](mailto:sheilalindfield@gmail.com) for the address.

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

**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. 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](mailto:RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca), 604-446-9673.

**JOIN THE GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE ON SEPT. 27:** This Global Climate Strike will likely be the largest mass mobilization for climate the world has seen so far. Led by youth, including Greta Thunberg, millions around the world will be walking off school and work to demand a rapid end to the fossil fuel era and for climate justice for all.

The Vancouver event, hosted by [Sustainabiliteens Vancouver](https://tinyurl.com/y4mjumbp) (<https://tinyurl.com/y4mjumbp>) and [Climate Strike Canada](https://tinyurl.com/y3a67mlw) (<https://tinyurl.com/y3a67mlw>), is an important opportunity for us Unitarians to stand with the young people who will inherit our world. Let's rally together around our Vancouver Unitarians banner – look for it at or near the northeast corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Ave and Cambie starting at 12:45 pm on Friday, Sept. 27.

**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](mailto:CoachCoral@gmail.com) and with any ideas or questions you may have.

**NEEDLE FELT A GORGEOUS WHITE POPPY BROOCH** to wear this Remembrance season. Workshop facilitated by Carol Siebert. Saturday October 26, 1 – 3:30 pm. Materials supplied. \$12 covers the cost. Enrolment limited. Registration after October 7. Contact Nan Gregory [nangregory@shaw.ca](mailto:nangregory@shaw.ca). Save the date!

**FREE POSTER DESIGN WORKSHOP** with UCV Office Assistant and graphic designer/illustrator Marcus Hynes – Saturday, October 19, 1 to 4 pm in the Lindsey-Priestley Room. Learn universal principles of effective graphic design and how to apply them using Open Office (free/open-source software) to create attractive and dynamic posters for your events. Maximum 12 participants. Visit <http://bit.ly/2ZxjLFV> to register. To learn more about Marcus and his design and illustration work, visit [www.heymercus.ca](http://www.heymercus.ca).

**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](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com).

**EARTH SPIRIT CIRCLE** will have a guest sharing "wheat weaving" with us. 3rd Tuesday, 7 – 8:30 pm in the Hall. Contact: [earthspiritucv@gmail.com](mailto:earthspiritucv@gmail.com)

## **UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JASON SHELTON WORKSHOP CANCELLED:** Jason Shelton has had to cancel the workshop planned for September 27 - 29 for personal/family reasons. Refunds are on the way for participants who have already registered. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused.

**CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE #8:** *If we decide to redevelop, how do we maintain church programs during a 2.5 year construction period possibly starting Spring 2022?* A transition plan with costs is being developed by John Boyle, Elliott Dainow, and Connie Wigmore.

**THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM NEEDS ASSISTANTS AND TODDLER WATCHERS!** We have wonderful, experienced teachers to lead this year's explorations of World Religions and how we relate to them as Unitarians—They need Assistants who can commit to one or two Sundays a month through the year! We also need volunteers who would enjoy looking after toddlers in the playroom 1 to 2x a month. Contact Kiersten Moore at [dre@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:dre@vancouverunitarians.ca) for details—or find her after the service.

**READY TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP OR COMMITTEE?** Fill out our online form at <https://tinyurl.com/ucvwelcome> and we'll introduce you to the group(s) you're interested in (many people say a small group was important in their feeling a part of our large and diverse community.)

**THE CONNECT & ENGAGE** team is planning an info table at the All Candidates Meeting on Saturday October 5. Can you help for one hour before or after the event (6 – 7 pm or 9 – 10 pm)? Contact Mary [ucvconnect@gmail.com](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com)

**FOURTH SUNDAY COFFEE AND TEA DRINKERS,** one of you needs to step up to help Amy so she's not serving and washing on her own! Contact Eva Allan at [eallan@telus.net](mailto:eallan@telus.net), 604-738-4062.

**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](mailto:cindy_returns@yahoo.com) or visit <https://vancouver.craigslist.org/rch/roo/6963485325.html>.

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND NOMINATIONS:** The OOF Committee would welcome nominations from individuals or a group in the congregation for the next recipient of OOF funding. Nominated organizations must comply with the selection criteria: priority is given to local organizations undertaking social justice, refugee support and settlement and environment sustainability, with a focus on vulnerable or marginalized communities. For more information go to the UCV website, or check the notice board in Hewett Hall for nomination forms. Contact Melody Mason with any queries.

**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](mailto:lilia@prescod.net).

*Do you receive our e-newsletters? If not, please go to [vancouverunitarians.ca/newsletter](http://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](mailto:careandconcern@vancouverunitarians.ca). Sincerely, Rev. Epperson

## **Next Sunday Service: September 15, 2019**

*Celebrating Our Story*  
*Rev. Steven Epperson*

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#### **THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:**

**COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS**

Ingrid Lutens, Joan Balmer

**FLOWERS**

Lorraine Calame

**LUNCH**

No lunch today

**LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL**

Sheila Lindfield, George Atherton

**SOUND**

Galen Elfert

**GREETERS**

Denise Nereida, John Boyle, Hank Einarson, Sakura Nandana

**WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE**

Nancy Strider, Karin Hall

**CARETAKER(S)**

Edgar Silveira

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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

<b>PARISH MINISTER</b>	Rev. Steven Epperson
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