



Left: Original Unitarian Church at 10th and Granville, circa 1940s | Right: The current Unitarian Church at Oak and 49th, 1968

Celebrating Our Story

Rev. Steven Epperson

September 15, 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!

LOVE SOUP: The 6th Season of " LOVE SOUP " starts today, September 15! We are still Summer mode, but are ready to serve you our nutritious & tasty soups, fresh salad, yummy dessert and tasty Terra Breads. Please come to our very friendly dining room in Hewett Centre after service. This is very enjoyable way to support our beautiful church, and we appreciate for your continued support!

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 Vancouver Unitarian community, around town, and beyond!

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.

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-Priestley) 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: September 15, 2019

Prelude	<i>Hymn Medley*</i>	E. Dainow, Piano
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Hymn	#360 <i>Here We Have Gathered</i>	
Story for All Ages		Read by Rev. Steven Epperson
Children's Recessional	Let's sing the children out... "Go now in peace..."	
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>I Want to Hold Your Hand*</i>	The Beatles With 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!

Meditation: Spoken then Silent		Rev. Steven Epperson
Musical Response	<i>La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin*</i>	C. Debussy E. Dainow, piano

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Closing Hymn	#168 <i>One More Step</i>	
Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Valediction	<i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again (x2)</i>	

**Today we are celebrating being at this location since 1964, and so the hymns chosen for the Prelude come from 'Hymns for the Celebration of Life' which is a predecessor of our current hymnal and which was published in 1964. These are also hymns that are still in our current hymnal. The offering music was the top song in 1964 and I want to thank Patrick for stepping in on that one. Finally, we also celebrate the founding of this congregation in 1909, the year Debussy began composing a set of preludes including 'La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin.' – Elliott*

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Most Important Decision Our Congregation Can Make Affecting Our Church for the Next 50 Years – Campus Redevelopment.

A series of member consultations on redevelopment will be held every other Sunday at 12:30pm following the service, beginning September 29th leading to the AGM November 17th. These are opportunities to be informed, to comment, to suggest and to be involved in the work to date. Proceeding will depend on the results of the business plan, now in progress. *Will the development of non-market housing contribute to the long-term financial sustainability of UCV and to financing a new Hewett Centre?* For information: Gordon Gram (gordongram@me.com), Michael Clague (mclague@telus.net). Co-chairs, Planning Committee.

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

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.

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/y4mjumb) (<https://tinyurl.com/y4mjumb>) 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 12th Ave and Cambie starting at 12:45 pm on Friday, Sept. 27.

FRIDAY AT LAST: We at UCV have organized regular programs in one form or another for Friday pm since 2003 The events have included Philosophers' Cafes, Friday Cafes and Fireside Chats in the Fireside Room. In recent years, the programs have been held on the Last Friday of each month. On September 27th from 2 to 4 pm or so we will hold a Fireside Chat with fast food for thought. Please share and expect hot topics and cool ideas. As you know, we think therefore we are - so come as you are, I think you will be glad you did. Info - RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca (604-446-9673)

GATHERING FOR LABYRINTH ART AND DANCE: Thursday, September 19, 11 am to 1 pm in Lindsey-Priestley.

30TH ANNUAL UNITARIAN MEN'S RETREAT: Are you male-identified and over 18? Would you enjoy a weekend-long lakeside retreat with other mostly UU men? Come to the 30th annual Unitarian Men's Retreat at Sasamat Lake in Belcarra, October 4-6. For more information and to register, visit <http://heyuu.ca>

NEEDLE FELT A GORGEOUS WHITE POPPY BROOCH to wear this Remembrance season. Workshop facilitated by Carol Siebert. Saturday, November 2, 1 – 3:30 pm. Materials supplied. \$12 covers the cost. Enrolment limited. Registration after October 7. Contact Nan Gregory nangregory@shaw.ca. Save the date!

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.

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.

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

THE CHALICE BASKET is coming back—not sure what it is? Take a look at the display in the Foyer.

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE needs help urgently. We are holding an All Candidates Meeting on Saturday, October the 5th. Our posters and flyers are now ready and need to be distributed. If you have some time to spare please, can you help with the distribution. This is particularly important for people who live in the riding of Vancouver Granville or close to it, since all the invited Candidates (so far 5 who have agreed to participate) are competing in this riding. Please see Karl, Cindy, John or Hanno after the service.

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE would like your gently used books for its upcoming book sale on October 27. Please bring your donations into the library on Sundays before or after the service. All proceeds from the sale go to the church.

CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE #9: *What is the vision?* The following statement was approved in the proposal to prepare a business plan for redevelopment by 64% of members in attendance at the 2018 Extra-Ordinary General Meeting:

At this mid-century point of its life, our vision for the campus of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver for the next 50 years is that of a compelling, beautiful, intergenerational home for Unitarians to worship and to celebrate, one respectful of the original design, one that provides an affordable place to live for a cross-section of our community, and a place for all Vancouverites to gather for spiritual enquiry, to enjoy arts and culture, and to engage in dialogue and action on matters of social justice and the environment.

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 for details—or find her after the service.

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? Contact Mary: ucvconnect@gmail.com

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.)

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, 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 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? If you are interested, contact Lilia Prescod at lilia@prescod.net. In support of the Refugee Committee.

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 22, 2019

Finding Solace
Rev. Steven Epperson

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

FLOWERS

LUNCH

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

SOUND

GREETERS

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

CARETAKER(S)

George Myers, Karin Hall, Eva Allan

Diane Donaldson

Love Soup!

Frances Anderson, David Buchanan

Galen Elfert

Carolyn Grant, Setty Pendakur, Shirley McLeod, Denise Nereida

Philomene Jahnke, George Atherton

Paul Nash



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

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