



Finding Solace
Rev. Steven Epperson

September 22, 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.

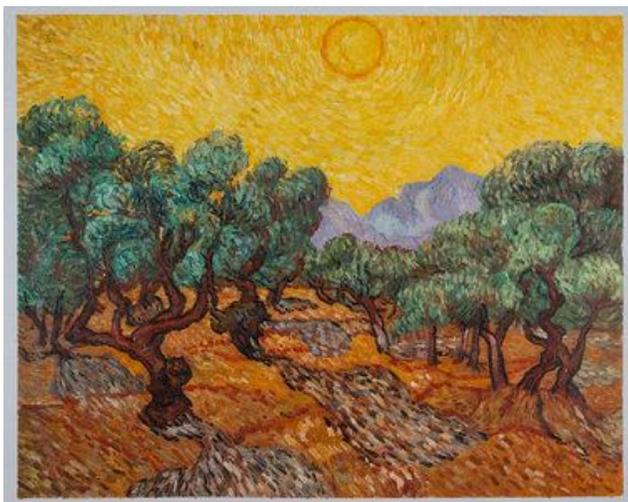
The seats in the rear of the church are **reserved**: (when facing the front) left side for those needing to slip in and out of the service, and right side for persons in wheelchairs & strollers. The UCV Campus is a non-smoking environment.

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 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 22, 2019

Prelude *Adagio* Mozart
Adagio Cantabile Beethoven
Arr. E. Dainow
Minjee Yoon, cello & E. Dainow, piano

Invocation *Come and Find the Quiet Centre* Traditional tune
With words by S.E. Murray
With the Chalice Choir

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame Rev. Steven Epperson

Opening Hymn #1021 *Lean On Me*

Story for All Ages Read by Rev. Steven Epperson

Children's Recessional Let's sing the children out... "Go now in peace..."

Announcements Sheila Resels

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns Sheila Resels

Offering: *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.* *You've Got a Friend* Carol King
Performed by E. Dainow

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 *The Road Home* By S. Paulus
With the Chalice Choir

Finding Solace *Rev. Steven Epperson*

Closing Hymn #1012 *When I Am Frightened*

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

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 12:30 pm 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?*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 MEMBERS CONSULTATION: 12:30 – 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. CITY HALL UPDATE AND DESIGN UPDATE. Your questions, comments, suggestions and discussion. For information: Gordon Gram (gordongram@me.com) or Michael Clague (mclague@telus.net) Co-chairs, Planning Committee and Elliott Dainow (elliottdainow@gmail.com), member, planning committee.

UNITARIANS! Every Sunday we're reminded that we are a congregation that governs itself. Take part in that governance and learn more about this fascinating and complex organization. The Board is looking for people to serve. If you have been a Church member for at least six months, you are welcome. If you have thought about serving on the Board of Trustees for years, this is your time. The nomination deadline is here. New Board members will be presented to the congregation at the AGM in November. Please submit your name to Marg Fletcher or any of the other Board of Trustee members without delay.

JOIN THE GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE ON SEPT. 27: 13 months ago, Greta Thunberg started her school climate strike in front of Sweden's Parliament with a sign that said "School Strike for Climate". There were over 2000 strikes in 125 countries on every continent in the first Global School Strike for Climate in 2009 – 1.6 million people participated on a single day. This month's second Global School Strike for Climate will have more strikes, more countries, and more people. The Vancouver School Strike for Climate is a good and important opportunity for Vancouver Unitarians to stand up for our principles and be seen supporting this action. Join us at the Vancouver Unitarians banner at or near the corner of 12th Ave and Cambie starting at 1:15 pm on 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)

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>

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.

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 meet at 12:30 pm on the third Sunday every month until April (next Session: October 20). No registration is required; just come to the Lindsey-Priestley at 12:45 each third Sunday.

NEW TO VANCOUVER UNITARIANS INFORMATION WORKSHOP: Everything you wanted to know about Unitarianism and Vancouver Unitarians but were afraid to ask. Join us for this one day information workshop, Saturday, October 26, 2019, 9:15 am – 2:30 pm, Fireside Room. Coffee and muffins, 9:00 am, lunch provided. Attendance encouraged prior to becoming a Vancouver Unitarian member. Interested current members also welcome. Registration forms available at the Welcome Table or office. Childcare requests 2 weeks in advance. Questions, contact Dianne Crosbie at dcrosbie@uniserve.com or the church office, 604-261-7204.

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.

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!

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE needs help urgently. We are holding an All Candidates Meeting on Saturday, October 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 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

LOVE SOUP: Thank you very much for your support for LOVE SOUP last Sunday! We have had a very strong start for the year. A big THANK YOU to all those committed volunteers who helped cook delicious soups, bake yummy desserts, prepare the salads, serve lunch and clean the dishes. Another big thank you goes out to Terra Breads. If you would like to share your favorite soup or dessert, please let us know – you will be loved to pieces! The next LOVE SOUP will be on the 3rd Sunday, October 20.

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.

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.

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 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.

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>.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

EARTH WISDOM – THE SACRED DANCE OF LIFE: Saturday, October 5 at Christ Church Cathedral, 260 Burrard Street. Doors open at 6 pm. EARTH WISDOM welcomes you to an inter-generational gathering of people from many cultures, traditions, and faiths to affirm a collective vision for an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling and socially just human presence on this planet. Wisdom keepers from around the world will share how their traditional practices honour the Earth and can empower the Human Family to meet the challenges of an uncertain future. We will come to remember the Earth Wisdom that all of our ancestors have been connected to, and that has ensured our survival for this long. Hosted by Be The Change Earth Alliance and sponsored by the Multifaith Action Society (both UCV tenants).

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 29, 2019

Nature's Greatest Architects? *Rev. Steven Epperson*

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Gerda Schultz, Amy Megumi Anderson

FLOWERS

Carolyn Innes

LUNCH

No lunch planned for today

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Aphrodite Harris, Hilda Wiebe

SOUND

Rob Greig

GREETERS

John Smith, Greg Grant, Diane Brown, Ursula Litzcke, Pat MacBain

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Karen Bartlett, 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
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