



Nature's Greatest Architects?

Rev. Steven Epperson

September 29, 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!

UCV REDEVELOPMENT MEMBERS CONSULTATION: 12:30 – 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. City hall update, design update, and environmental considerations. Your questions, comments, suggestions and discussion. The first of the Fall consultation series on partial campus redevelopment. For information: Gordon Gram, (gordongram@me.com) and Michael Clague, (mclague@telus.net), Co-chairs; Planning Committee and Elliott Dainow (elliottdainow@gmail.com), member, planning committee.

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 29, 2019

Prelude	<i>River Songs</i>	E. Dainow, piano
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Hymn	#128 <i>For All That Is Our Life</i>	
Special Presentation		Sole Food – Outreach Opportunities Fund Recipient
Story for All Ages		Read by Rev. Steven Epperson
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>I'm Proud to be a Beaver</i>	Steve Van Zandt With Elliott Dainow and kids

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!

Children's Recessional	Let's sing the children out... "Go now in peace..."	
Announcements		Cathy Sevcik
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Cathy Sevcik
Meditation: Spoken then Silent		Rev. Steven Epperson
Musical Response	<i>Wood River</i>	Connie Caldor With Lia Wolfe & E. Dainow

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Closing Hymn	#175 <i>We Celebrate the Web</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> <i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again (x2)</i>	



Beaver woodcut, unknown artist



(L) Man in beaver hat Samuel Colman (1780-1845)



(R) Portrait of Susanna Lunden (in beaver hat) Peter Paul Reubens



Beaver Dam, 1919, J.E.H. McDonald



Eroded creek (Turner Creek channel incision)



Beavers doing their work

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?*

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.

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.

PRACTICING INTERACTIVE THEATRE FOR LIVING: We meet monthly to practice techniques in interactive, improvisational theatre. Anyone welcome! Wear comfortable clothes and be prepared for fun and insight. Next practice: Sat. Oct.12, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, Hitschmanova. RSVP to host, Rev. Meg Roberts, to confirm practice, 778- 870-9015 or mroberts@uuma.org.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING: Sunday, October 13, 9:30 – 10:30 am in Lindsey-Priestley. This is our semi-annual meeting to check in on the various tasks that team members have taken on and to coordinate plans for the future. Mary Bennett is stepping down as chair after this meeting so new members/energy welcome!

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.heyMarcus.ca.

ATTENTION MAKERS! A new group is starting up to explore slow and sustainable fashion. Bring your knitting/stitching/weaving/mending (absolute beginners welcome!!) out for drinks and snacks and meet other fashionable, crafty, Unitarians. Saturdays, 12 – 2 pm at Sing Sing Beer Bar, 2718 Main St, Vancouver. Monthly workshops at UCV on last Saturday starting October 26 in Hewett Hall. Contact: Marie Witt, findmariewitt@gmail.com. Sponsored by Zero Waste Team, a sub-committee of our Environment Team.

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@uniserive.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!

TECH TRAINING - GOOGLE APPS: Thanks to the Koerner Fund we have been able to offer a series of workshops on using our website, making posters (October 19) and now how to use google apps (gmail, googlegroups, google docs, spreadsheets and drive) to help your committee/team/group work together more effectively. Instructor: Luke Zukowski. Saturday, November 30, 1 – 4 pm. Register and complete survey here: <https://tinyurl.com/ucvgoogle>

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S OOF RECIPIENT is Sole Food. It's mission is to transform vacant urban land in Vancouver into street farms that grow artisan quality fruits and vegetables. By providing jobs, agricultural training, and inclusion in a community of farmers and food lovers, the Sole Food project has empowered dozens of individuals who are managing addiction and chronic mental health problems.

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.

WHAT DO WE CALL OURSELVES (WDWCO) TASK FORCE: please join this task force if you can help us organize a forum to review our name. Should we remain known as a Church or adopt some other name? Please contact: call-ourselves@googlegroups.com.

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: October 6, 2019

Dismantling Racism and White Privilege – Rev. Pat Trudeau & Prof. Wilburn Hayden

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS	Denise Swanson, Randall MacKinnon, Catherine Hembling
FLOWERS	Lorraine Calame
LUNCH	No lunch planned for today
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL	David Buchanan, Leslie Hill
SOUND	Hans Elfert
GREETERS	Paul Prescod, Pat Johnson, Hank Einarson, Jane Dermer
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Jenny Podlecki, Hanno Pinder
CARETAKER(S)	Paul Nash, Edgar Silveira

FALL 2019 REDEVELOPMENT MEMBER CONSULTATIONS

Prepared on behalf of the Planning Committee by Elliott Dainow, Gordon Gram, Michael Clague, Margaret Fletcher.

Schedule, Time, Location

Sundays: 12:30 to 2:00 pm on the Sanctuary dais (circle set-up): September 29, October 13/27, November 10.

Note: The UCV Annual General Meeting will be held on November 24th. The final draft of the Business Plan for redevelopment will be presented for members' information and comment. The final report on the business plan will be brought to members in late January/early February with a recommendation as to whether or not to proceed further.

Purpose of Consultations

- To inform/remind people of the project's origins
- To provide project up-dates
- To enable members to raise questions, offer comments and suggestions, and discuss

Format (approximate)

12:30 – 13:00: Origins reminders/project up-dates/questions for clarification

13:00 – 14:00 (maximum time; earlier if ground covered):

- Discussion – not only about the information presented at each session, but about any comments and suggestions participants may raise related to the project.
- Conclusion: a summary of the main points of the discussion for the record (to be carried forward and reported to the planning committee).

Prerequisites

1. No matter where and when they come into the planning process, participants are free to raise matters that are new and germane to them
2. Participants respect decisions and conclusions that have already been arrived at during previous member meetings (EGMs June 2018 and 2019) and unless there is exceptional and new information, the task is to build upon these decisions into the next stages of the planning.

Background Materials (available)

- Information Booklet (May 2019 Forum)
- Catalyst Business Plan Up-Date (June 23, 2019 EGM)
- Project Origins: November 2016 board motion

Agenda

- Welcome, purpose, and explanation of agenda
- Origins and mandate for project - board directive
- The planning structure and process - committee, work groups, forums.
- Updates
- Discussion/conversation
- Synopsis of discussion (notes and verbal)

Anticipated Topics for up-dating (arising from previous forums and circle of concerns sessions) order and dates may change and topics may be combined.

Scheduled

- City response to application for advice (ARA), design implications, and environmental considerations. September 29th
- Partnership delivery models (associational/cooperative); CRA taxation implications October 13
- Financial Sustainability Task Force – Looking into the Future (with or without redevelopment). October 27th

To be scheduled

- Transition Plan (temporary arrangements and costs during construction if project proceeds)
- Accessibility
- Aboriginal recognition (to be addressed during rezoning application)
- Risk Management
- Human resource capacity (ministerial search etc)
- The Alternate Plan – retaining, maintaining, improving Hewett Centre

Contacts

- Planning Committee Co-Chairs: Gordon Gram (gordongram@me.com). Michael Clague (mclague@telus.net)
- Planning Committee member: Elliott Dainow (elliottdainow@gmail.com)

Special event at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver

SAVE THE DATE: DISMANTLING RACISM AND WHITE PRIVILEGE

In this workshop, we will examine racism and white privilege in Canada. It will explore strategies for becoming allies in the struggle to dismantle the racial barriers in our congregations and the larger community. The workshop takes an explicit view that in order to transform our society into a racially just place, white folks must engage more robustly. Youth are encouraged to attend.

Participants are welcome to attend any of the three sessions. The workshop objectives are best accomplished by participating in all three sessions. Light refreshments are provided. Participants are on their own for lunch on Saturday.



**Presenters: Wilburn
Hayden and Pat
Trudeau**

Friday, October 4 –
7-9 pm;

Saturday, October 5
– 9:00 – Noon and
1:00 – 3:30 pm

Attend one or all
three sessions

Sliding Scale
Registration

**Metro Vancouver
Unitarians
949 W 49 Avenue
Vancouver, BC**

To register, complete
the online form found at:

<http://bit.ly/2lInT8z>



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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