



Stories From the Front Lines of Ceremony: The Work of Lay Chaplains

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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

MR. SHARP IS BACK! Clarence Phelps is bringing his precision diamond knife-sharpening equipment to Hewett Hall today. Bring your knives, scissors, garden shears, scythes and other bladed implements, and enjoy your cutting experiences for months to come.

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

LOVE SOUP! October's Love Soup is on today! Please join us in our friendly dining Room in the Hewett Centre to enjoy a very delicious & nutritious lunch prepared and served by our dedicated volunteers. This is an easy and very enjoyable way to help fundraise for our beautiful church! We appreciate for your continued support.

MENTORING FOR NEW SMALL GROUP LEADERS: Today, 2:30 – 3:30 pm in Fireside. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/ucvmentor> or with Mary Bennett ucvconnect@gmail.com.

Families with Children, Welcome!

Vancouver Unitarian families connect, grow, and learn in many ways. Visitors, friends, and returning members are welcome to drop-in to our Sunday morning programs anytime.

Our children and youth groups build community, explore traditions and spiritual practices, ask big questions, and nurture individual power to bring love and justice forward.

Visit our website for more information www.vancouverunitarians.ca or email Kiersten at families@vancouverunitarians.ca



Kiersten Moore, Director of Religious Exploration

Children and Youth on Sundays



Everyone begins together in the Sanctuary for Worship through the *Story for All Ages* before leaving to classes and groups:

- Youth Group (ages 13-19)—meets 10:15 to Noon in Hitschmanova, lower level of Hewett Centre. Drop-in anytime
- Passport to Spirituality (ages 4-9)—meets upstairs in the rooms closest to the Hewett Hall entrance (Lindsey-Priestly)
- Crossing Paths (ages 10-12)—meets either in Fireside room or downstairs in the preschool.

A parent/guardian or adult family member must pick up children under age 9 from their classroom at 12:15, older children and youth will be released to meet their family in the Hall.

Toddler Watch Team attends to babies and children under 4 within the Children's Program. Look for the Children's Guide with the bright orange button or check in with the Leader—bright pink.

Children and babies are welcome to remain with their adult family members through the service. Nursing parents are welcome in any part of our building. You may join your child in explorations if you wish.

We offer some tips to help children be at ease in the Sanctuary:

- 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; 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.



Buddy Bags are available in the foyer for use during the service!

Celebration of Worship: October 20, 2019

Prelude *Pavane* Gabriel Faure
Gymnopedie No. 1 Eric Satie
Autumn Leaves Joseph Kosma
With Trio Absinthe*

Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours Katherine Roback

Kindling the Chalice Flame Katherine Roback

Opening Hymn #325 *Love Makes a Bridge*

Story for All Ages Louise Bunn

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

Announcements Emilie Adin

Reading from the Book of Celebrations & Concerns Emilie Adin

Offering: *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.* *What a Wonderful World* Thiele & Weiss
With Trio Absinthe

Text-to-Give! 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/Prayer - #480 Cheryl Amundsen

Musical Response/Anthem *Air from Orchestral Suite No. 3* Bach
With Trio Absinthe

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Closing Hymn #1064 *Blue Boat Home*

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame Laureen Stokes

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

* Trio Absinthe is composed of Anne Duranceau (bass), Edgar Bridwell (violin) and Barbara Irschick (viola) and they are regular musical contributors to our services and choir concerts. I am pleased to have them here today. 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 12:30 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?*

Next session: Sunday October 27th. Topic: Financial Sustainability Task Force - Looking into the future with or without redevelopment. Information: Gordon Gram (gordongram@me.com), Elliott Dainow (elliottdainow@gmail.com), Michael Clague (mclague@telus.net).

THE UCV ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER SERVICE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

BOARD NOMINATIONS: 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 a Board of Trustee member without delay.

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND GROUP LEADERS: We will be compiling the reports from the last year for the Annual Report, to be distributed at the AGM. If you wish to have your report included in the Annual Report to the Congregation, please send the report to Aurora at <mailto:ca@vancouverunitarians.ca> prior to November 8th. – On behalf of Leonie Armstrong, President, and Mairy Beam, Secretary

EARTH SPIRIT CIRCLE: Every 3rd Tuesday 7 – 8:30 pm, RSVP appreciated but not required.

<https://vancouver.breezechms.com/form/earthspiritcircle>

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 12:30 each third Sunday.

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.

FIRESIDE CHAT: Friday, October 25, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Location - Fireside Room and Hall -Come and Participate in the Mag-Net Circle - Clipping images and Quipping words for a collage resource. For further Information contact RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca

BOOK BASH: The church is having its semiannual Book Bash on Sunday October 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. As always, there will be many books from many different genres available at very low prices. Please mark your calendars and bring your friends.

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.

SITE DEVELOPMENT FORUM in the Sanctuary, Sunday, 27 Oct 2019, 12:30 - 2:30 pm. The Financial Sustainability Task Force (FSTF) will be leading discussion of financial options for UCV with and without site development based on input from various members serving on this task force. Membership growth, pledging growth, capital improvements, and possible rent increases will be reviewed. Facilitated by Keith Wilkinson and Sheila Resels.

NEW MEMBER LUNCH: Saturday, November 2, 12 pm – 2 pm. For those who have joined UCV within the past 5 years. Register with ucvconnect@gmail.com or at <https://tinyurl.com/newlunch>

CREATIVE CONVERSATIONS OR TOXIC DEBATES? Working with the tension between power and love: Join Don Marshall, Vancouver Unitarian and Suzuki Elder, in our Nov. 3 forum for a conversation about his path of learning about resilience and how to engage in creative conversations with those who you may not agree with. His path was guided by James Hoggan (“*I’m Right and You’re an Idiot*”) and Adam Kahane (“*Collaborating with the Enemy*”). This forum will be a fruitful conversation. All are welcome on Nov. 3 in the Fireside Room at 12:30.

WHITE POPPY BROOCH WORKSHOP ALMOST FULL. Look for Carol Hiebert or Jeannie Corsi at church today and decide if you’d like to needle felt a gorgeous brooch like theirs to wear this Remembrance Day season. Fearlessly peaceful. Saturday, November 2, 1:00 – 3:30 pm, Lindsey-Priestley. \$12. Registration: contact Nan Gregory. nangregory@shaw.ca.

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>

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THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to assist with sorting books for the Book Bash on Friday, October 25, from 12 – 4 pm; Saturday, October 26, from 10 am - 4 pm; and to help on the day of the sale, Sunday, October 27, 9 am – 2 pm. Please email davidfbuchanan@gmail.com or just show up in the alcove of Hewett Hall during those times.

CHALICE BASKET is back! Take a look at the basket on display in the Foyer and sign-up for an opportunity to Carry the Flame home sometime this year. The Basket contains a chalice, a journal, and books of meditations and celebrations for members and families to check out and keep for two weeks to enrich everyday life. Sign-up to bring a little ritual and reflection into your daily life.

THE ANNUAL ANCESTOR’S SHRINE will be installed in the Meditation room by the Children’s RE Group next Sunday, October 27th. You are invited to visit the shrine after the service and leave a remembrance among the willow branches.



WONDERING IF THERE ANY CHANGES TO UCV'S GROUPS OR COMMITTEES? "There's a lot that goes on around here" so check out our recently revised UCV Directory of Small Groups & Committees, (revised October 2019) by either picking up a copy at the Greeters or Welcoming tables or by viewing it in this week's OOS electronic newsletter. If you have questions, please contact Sheila Resels, sresels@gmail.com.

OUR NEXT OOF RECIPIENT (OCT- JAN) is Sole Food. Its 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.

SOCKS, SOCKS, SOCKS, Could you spare some change? Could you treat me to a cup of coffee? Fund raised will be used to purchase warm socks for the homeless. Socks for all seasons, all ages, men's, women's, infants', used or new (and singles too), are welcome and collected all year round, at the Refugee Thrift Sale table. – Lily Ha

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.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

HARP MUSIC, MOUNTAIN PAINTINGS AND MOUNTAIN POEMS: Please join Vancouver harpist Bess Muir, painter Dennis Brown and part-time poet David Marmorek for a 3-dimensional experiment in melding music, art and poetry. In the Fireside Room at 3:30 pm, on Sunday, October 27th.

THE WELISA GOGOS will be having a craft sale on November 10 in the hall after the church service. The Go-Go's are a group of grandmothers in an organization led by Stephen Lewis which raises funds for African grandmothers who are raising their grandchildren having lost their own children to AIDS.

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.)

Next Sunday Service: October 27, 2019

UN Sunday and Gibbard Award

Rev. Steven Epperson

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Georg Myers, Catherine Stewart, Pat MacBain

FLOWERS

Diane Donaldson

LUNCH

Love Soup!

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Frances Anderson, David Buchanan

SOUND

Galen Elfert

GREETERS

Carolyn Grant, Ralph Theroux, Shirley McLeod, Denise Nereida

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Karen Bartlett, David Valentine, Carol Seibert

CARETAKER(S)

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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