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Emily Howard Jennings Stowe (1831-1903); John Haynes Holmes (1879-1964);  
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## Encountering Our Ancestors XV

*Rev. Steven Epperson & Special Guests from the past*

*November 3, 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!

**COMPUTUTOR:** Drop in to Lindsey Room between 12 noon and 1 pm on the first Sunday of each month and get your techie problems solved.

**CREATIVE CONVERSATIONS OR TOXIC DEBATES? Working with the tension between power and love:** Join Don Marshall, Vancouver Unitarian and Suzuki Elder, in our forum today 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.

**WREATH MAKING FOR NOV 11TH PEACE POPPY CEREMONY** This afternoon in Lindsey-Priestley. 1 – 4 pm. A workshop to add cedar greenery backgrounds to wreath forms for the Nov 11 Peace Wreath Ceremony. No expertise needed. Good company guaranteed. Ask Nan Gregory about it. She’ll selling white poppies in the hall after the service.

**CIRCLE DANCE - THE EASY WAY:** 2 – 3:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Feel free to drop in and try it out.

## *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](http://www.vancouverunitarians.ca) or email Kiersten at [families@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto: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: November 3, 2019

**Prelude** *Hymns for the Celebration of Life (1964)* John Haynes Holmes  
*Pagan Love Song* N. H. Brown  
*Pokare Kare; E. Pari Ra* Maori Songs  
E. Dainow, piano

**Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours** Rev. Steven Epperson

**Kindling the Chalice Flame** Rev. Steven Epperson

**Opening Hymn** #6 *Just As Long As I have Breath*

**Story for All Ages** Read by Rev. Steven Epperson

**Announcements** Elizabeth Geller

**Reading from the Book of Celebrations & Concerns** Elizabeth Geller

**Offering:** *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.* *O'er Continent and Ocean (#227)* John Haynes Holmes  
With E. Dainow

**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: Spoken then Silent** Rev. Steven Epperson

**Musical Response** *Graceful Ghost Rag* William Bolcom  
E. Dainow, piano

**Encountering Our Ancestors XV** Scripts by Rev. Steven Epperson  
To celebrate the memory of our ancestors: A Samhain Invocation\*

Emily Howard Jennings Stowe (1831-1903) – Diane Brown  
John Haynes Holmes (1879-1964) – Stanley Tromp  
Hone Tuwhare (1922-2008) – Michael Scales  
Margot Adler (1946-2014) – Rev. Laura Imayoshi

**Closing Hymn** #357 *Bright Morning Stars Are Rising*

**Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame** Rev. Steven Epperson

**Valediction** *Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again*  
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\* Modern Pagans view the world as a great Circle, majestically turning through the four Quarters of the Year, from season to season, with each Quarter representing a natural Element, a geographic Direction, and a specific Season, and each presided over by benevolent elemental forces, Guardians of each phase of our human lives, from birth to death, and beyond.

## UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

### **UCV CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT PLANNING – NEXT SESSION: A PLANNING SABBATICAL!**

The next scheduled consultation session is for 12:30 on Sunday, November 10th. However, the planning committee is instead offering UCV members a sabbatical from the planning process for the 10th.

Since September we have had three important sessions on the following topics: City Hall Update, Environmental Considerations; The Partnership Structure, The Transition Plan (during construction) and Financial Sustainability. Important questions and suggestions have been generated. There is much to digest and still more topics are to come. Before we can move much further however, we are also waiting for additional comments from the City which affect planning and estimating.

So, enjoy your afternoon off on the 10th. And do remember to attend the UCV Annual General Meeting on November 24th where the latest Business Plan will be presented for information along with other reports, like financial sustainability. Gordon Gram ([gordongram@me.com](mailto:gordongram@me.com)) - Michael Clague ([mclague@telus.net](mailto:mclague@telus.net)) Co-chairs)

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

**BOARD NOMINATIONS:** UCV members: you should have received your nominations slate for next year's Board on October 20. Please contact Marg Fletcher, 778-772-1120 or [mfletcher508@gmail.com](mailto:mfletcher508@gmail.com) if you are interested!

**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 [ca@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:ca@vancouverunitarians.ca) prior to November 8<sup>th</sup>. – On behalf of Leonie Armstrong, President, and Mairy Beam, Secretary

**SINGING GROUP:** Do you like to sing? Join us every third Sunday of the month in the Lindsey-Priestley room at 12:30pm!

**FILM SCREENING, POTLUCK DINNER & DISCUSSION:** Screening *Bornholmer Street* (with subtitles created by Hans) 4 – 6 pm in Lindsey-Priestley, Saturday, November 9. Potluck Dinner and Discussion to follow, 6 – 7:30 pm in the Hall. Must pre-register: <http://bit.ly/FilmDinner>. Volunteers needed for setup, cleanup etc. Contact Mary at [ucvconnect@gmail.com](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com)

**NEW TO VANCOUVER UNITARIANS BREAKFAST:** Prior to the service Nov 10, 2019 will be a breakfast, 9:30 AM in the Fireside Room, for those having attended the “New to Vancouver Unitarians Information Workshop”. UCV committee chairs will be there to provide information on their committee activities. For those wanting to sign the membership book, Rev. Steven Epperson will witness your signature. For additional information, contact Dianne Crosbie at [dcrosbie@uniserve.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com) or contact the church office at 604 261-7204.

**EARTH WITNESS WORSHIP MEETINGS** take place on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Next one: Saturday, Nov. 9. These meetings have grown out of a desire for a spiritually grounded response to the threat posed by the Trans-Mountain pipeline & tanker expansion project. This is an open, inclusive and public “Quaker-inspired” worship meeting, grounded in silence, during which anyone may feel led to speak or sing. We meet at Kwekwecnewtxw, the traditional Coast Salish Watch House on Burnaby Mountain (go to Forest Grove Park - [8505 Forest Grove Dr, Burnaby](#)). Please bring a folding chair or something to be comfortable sitting on the ground. We prefer to sit in a circle outside, but have the option of meeting inside the Watch House if needed. We invite you to join us! Contact Catherine Hembling [cathh1@gmail.com](mailto:cathh1@gmail.com) for transit & other details.

**THE UCV BOOK CLUB** will meet on November 10, 2019 at 12:30 in Biddle to discuss ‘*A Gentleman in Moscow*’, by Amor Towles. The tale begins with house arrest of Count Alexander Rostov by a Bolshevik tribunal and then beautifully describes his experiences and endeavors to become a man of purpose. Everyone is welcome.”

**NEW GENDER DISCUSSION GROUP:** In this group, we'll talk about the influences that have shaped our gender identity and expression, especially role models like parents and cultural figures. We'll share stories about our gender journeys and discuss the role of gender in today's world. Starting November 11th, we'll meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Lindsey-Priestley Room from 6:30-8:30pm. Please email Glenn Deefholts ([glenn.deefholts@gmail.com](mailto:glenn.deefholts@gmail.com)) if you are interested in joining us.

**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, 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>

**ANNUAL WOMEN'S GATHERING:** Save the date: Saturday, January 4. Workshops 2 – 5 pm; Potluck dinner 5 – 7 pm; Circle dance, women's groups meetup and more. Stay tuned for details: <http://bit.ly/2BG2H2Q>. To be sure to receive updates about women's events, sign up here: <http://bit.ly/2W9948v>.

## **UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 “UCV-This Week” which is emailed to you weekly. If you have questions, please contact Sheila Resels, [sresels@gmail.com](mailto:sresels@gmail.com).

**THE “WHAT DO WE CALL OURSELVES?” TASK FORCE** (WDWCO? TF) held a forum on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-three people attended. If you were unable to participate and would like to read what transpired you can find the Minutes attached to your “UCV-This Week” that you receive weekly in your email (or, you can email [sresels@gmail.com](mailto:sresels@gmail.com) directly) . The draft “WDWCO? TF” Terms of Reference and link to CUC comments (which were referred to at the Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> forum) will also be included in the “UCV-This Week”.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who attended the book sale on October 27, and especially to all the volunteers who made it happen. A lot of money was raised for the church! Our next sale will be in the spring.

**CONNECT AND ENGAGE IN COVENANT GROUPS:** Practicing acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth. Openings now in two groups. Details from George Atherton, [notrehta@gmail.com](mailto:notrehta@gmail.com)

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**OUR 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: [evamaiallan@gmail.com](mailto:evamaiallan@gmail.com)

*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.)*

## **OUTSIDE EVENTS**

**REIMAGINING PEACE AND HARMONY:** One world, Many Faiths. An interfaith dialogue forum hosted by the Multifaith Action Society (UCV tenants) in honour of the UN International Day for Tolerance. 1 – 4 pm, Saturday, November 16, at the SGI Canada Vancouver Centre, 8401 Cambie Street. Admission is free and all are welcome! For more information or to register, visit: <http://bit.ly/Multifaith>.

**Next Sunday Service: November 10, 2019**

**In Memoriam: Remembrance Day**

*Rev. Steven Epperson with Doug Ennenberg*

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**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, Pat Johnson, Eva Allan

Chris Pearce

No lunch today

Jean Stanton, Lindsay Udem

Rob Taylor

Margo Elfert, Ursula Litzcke, Gerda Schulz, Ilyambabazi Sebyeza

Karin Hall, Audrey Cook

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

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