



## **Won't You Be My Neighbour?**

*Rev. Christine Boyle*

*November 17, 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)

**NOVEMBER'S LOVE SOUP IS TODAY!** Please join us for a delicious and nutritious lunch in the Hewett Centre after service today! Catch up with your friends while enjoying soup, fresh salad, tasty Terra bread and yummy dessert. Our very dedicated team of volunteers are waiting for you!

**CRAFTS & CROCHET:** Join Mary Bennett and friends at a designated table in Hewett Centre at 12 pm. Try your hand at crochet or bring your own project. All ages welcome.

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

**SINGING GROUP:** Do you like to sing? Join us today in the Sanctuary at 12:30!

**WREATH DISMANTLING** 1-4 pm in Lindsey-Priestley. Come and meet the people behind Vancouver Peace Poppies as we dismantle the wreaths from the very moving Nov 11th ceremony, "Let Peace Be Their Memorial." Many hands make light work.

**ART EXHIBITION:** The current exhibition of drawings and paintings in the Sanctuary and Fireside Room is the work of James Lindfield. They will be on view until Dec. 13. James was an artist and educator in Vancouver until his death in 2014. If interested in viewing larger works or in a purchase please contact: [sheilalindfield@gmail.com](mailto:sheilalindfield@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](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 17, 2019

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Music by Fred Rogers</i>	E. Dainow, piano/voice
<b>Invocation</b>	<i>We Gather Here Together</i>	Traditional. Words by D. Diebler With the Chalice Choir
<b>Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours</b>		Way Kent
<b>Kindling the Chalice Flame</b>		Way Kent
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<i>#188 Come, Come, Whoever You Are</i>	
<b>Story for All Ages</b>		Read by Way Kent
<b>Children's Recessional</b>	<i>Let's sing the children out... "Go now in peace..."</i>	
<b>Announcements</b>		Marg Fletcher
<b>Reading from the Book of Celebrations &amp; Concerns</b>		Marg Fletcher
<b>Offering:</b> <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Won't You Be My Neighbour?</i>	Fred Rogers E. Dainow
<b>Text-to-Give!</b> 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 <a href="http://bit.ly/2VFEWDS">http://bit.ly/2VFEWDS</a> for more information!		
<b>Meditation, Spoken then Silent</b>		Way Kent
<b>Musical Response/Anthem</b>	<i>One Voice</i>	R. Moody With the Chalice Choir
<b>Won't You Be My Neighbour?</b> Rev. Christine Boyle*		
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<i>#346: Come Sing A Song With Me</i>	
<b>Closing Words &amp; Extinguishing the Chalice Flame</b>		Way Kent
<b>Valediction</b>	<i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again</i>	

\* **Christine Boyle** is a first-term City Councillor with OneCity Vancouver. She previously did national multifaith climate justice organizing, including at COP21 and at the Vatican. Christine is a community organizer, a climate justice activist, and an ordained United Church Minister. She has an MA in Religious Leadership for Social Change from Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, California. She's married to Seth Klein, and has two kids.

## UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

**CHALICE CHOIR ADVENT CONCERT:** Singing the Season! Join the Chalice Choir for a lovely evening of seasonal music, featuring Charpentier's Messe de Minuit de Noel, along with choir favourites and a singalong. Sunday, Dec. 1, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary. Please remember that this is the choir's main fundraiser of the year and supports the choir's participation in our Sunday services. Invite your friends! Childcare provided. Reception to follow. Tickets: \$20 (or pay what you can.) Available from any choir member or at the door. Note: tickets will be on sale TODAY after church in Hewett Centre.

**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.

**MEND IT OR MAKE IT!** Saturday November 23, 12 – 2 pm. A new zero-waste group for people wanting to gather to learn how to repair clothing. Marie sets up sewing machines and has skills to share. <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/events/mend-it/> Interested? contact [findmariewitt@gmail.com](mailto:findmariewitt@gmail.com)

**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, 2020. Registration forms will be available on November 30. Volunteers needed! We are looking to make this a 'many hands make light work' event. We need a team of:

- 4 volunteers who will handle potluck dinner set up and clean up;
- 2 people to handle registration check in and name tags at the event;
- 1 or 2 people to set up meditation room for rune or tarot readings;
- 2 people to staff the drop-in crafts & collage room (Lindsey-Priestley), 7 – 9 pm;

We also have 2 workshops lined up for 2 – 5 pm and circle dance from 7 – 9 pm. If you'd like to offer a workshop at either of those times, please contact Mary [maryinvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:maryinvancouver@gmail.com)

More info on women's events and groups: <http://tiny.cc/ucv-women>. Women's gathering post (details will be added): <http://tiny.cc/ucv-women-signup>

## **UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIFE AND TRANSCENDENCE – A GIFT BOOK FROM THE CONGREGATION:** Last Sunday, the Reverend Doctor Steven Epperson was presented with a book created in honour of this, his final year at UCV. The book went on sale in the Hall after the service and will be available there again this Sunday. It sells for \$20.00 and proceeds after costs go to UCV.

**INVITATION TO JOIN THE GARDENING CREW:** The UCV Gardening Team needs many helping hands! Join the crew on third Saturday mornings each month to spruce up our grounds. It's good for both body and soul as well as a great way to connect with other UCV folks. Chief gardener Patti Turner always has something delicious prepared for the communal lunch break at noon. Email Patti to get on the mailing list: [pgaleturner@gmail.com](mailto:pgaleturner@gmail.com). Next gardening session: Saturday, November 16 - arrive any time after 9:00 AM, rain or shine. Be sure to wear appropriate clothing including work gloves. Please bring a leaf rake if you have one (not required).

**2020 MULTIFAITH CALENDARS** are on sale now! Pick up one of these beautiful calendars at the Library in Hewett hall and mark a couple gifts off your list at the same time. \$15 or 2 for \$25. All proceeds go to benefit UCV's children's programs and the Multifaith Action Society.

**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).

**ARE YOU NEW? OR READY TO GET MORE INVOLVED?** Book groups, circle dance, social justice and more! Many of our groups and teams are listed on the form at: <http://tiny.cc/ucv-new>. You'll receive an email from someone involved in that group or team for every item you check.

**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)

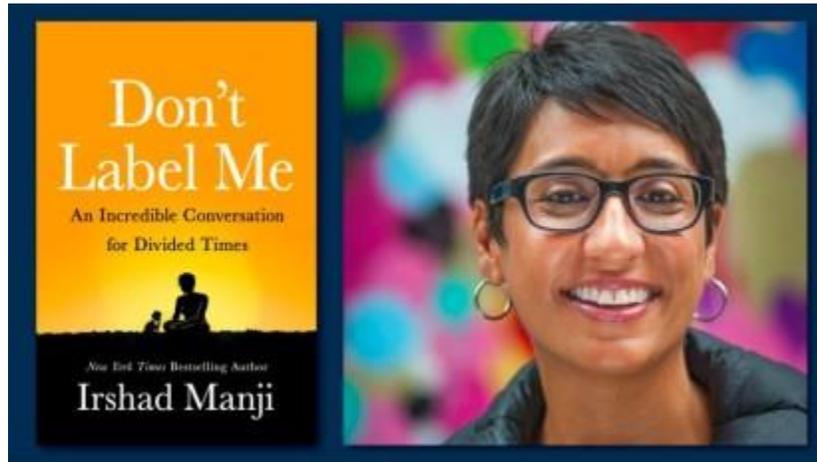
**THE "WHAT DO WE CALL OURSELVES?" TASK FORCE (WDWCO? TF)** held a forum on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-three people attended. If you were unable to participate and would like to read what transpired you can find the Minutes attached to your "UCV-This Week" that you receive weekly in your email (or, 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. 20th forum) will also be included in the "UCV-This Week".

**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.

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## Next Sunday Service: November 24, 2019

### Don't Label Me: A Modest Proposal For How to Engage in a Time of Outrage *Irshad Manji*



Join us when Ms. [Irshad Manji](#) will speak about how to reclaim our humanity in this time of trenchant tribalism.

Irshad is the author of *Don't Label Me*, a gutsy guide to moving beyond the politics of Us-versus-Them. She is also founder of Moral Courage College, which equips people worldwide to do the right thing in the face of their fears. A lecturer with Oxford University's Initiative for Global Ethics and Human Rights, Irshad previously taught leadership at New York University as well as the University of Southern California.

In between, she has written bestselling books about the need for reform in her faith of Islam, while producing the Emmy-nominated PBS film, *Faith Without Fear*.

Oprah Winfrey has given Irshad Manji the first annual Chutzpah Award for "audacity, nerve, boldness, and conviction." On November 24, we will see why. (A reception and book-signing will follow.) You can sign up for her blog and newsletter here: <https://irshadmanji.com/>

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#### THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

##### COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

George Myers, Catherine Stewart, Eva Allan

##### 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

Nancy Strider, George Atherton

##### CARETAKER(S)

Paul Nash, Marie Witt

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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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