



## Sources of Religious Insight

Rev. Steven Epperson  
*February 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)

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

**LUNCH TODAY:** Due to the surprise snowfall, *Love Soup* is canceled today. We apologize for any inconvenience! We hope that March's *Love Soup* will be blessed with warm Spring weather. See you March 17!

**THE ENVIRONMENT TEAM:** is meeting Sunday in Biddle at 12:30. Interested or curious to hear what is going on? Come by and check out what we are doing within the church, around town, and beyond!

**FORUM:** 12:30 pm in Fireside. Discuss feedback to send to Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) on motions proposed for May 2019 AGM: 1) study group for a possible 8th principle on racism; 2) bylaw amendment to facilitate regional representation; 3) bylaw amendment to clarify ministers' eligibility to participate; 4) CUC strategic priorities for 2019-20; 5) application of CPI to Annual Program Contribution (APC); 6) new basis for APC using membership numbers and annual revenue. And—process for picking UCV delegates for the CUC AGM to be held online. Facilitated by Keith Wilkinson, Chair, UU Connections Committee and former CUC Board member. Come early to ensure you get a seat!

**UCV GROUP ART SHOW:** January 3<sup>rd</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup> – mixed media artworks provided by UCV members and congregants!

## ***Families with Children, Welcome!***

**Buddy Bags** with a small stuffie, themed colouring book, and crayons are available in the foyer for use during the service. Please return them to the basket at the end; you may keep the colouring book. There is also a playroom for family use across from the kitchen in Hewett Centre.

**Nursing parents** are welcome in any part of our building. If you wish for more privacy there is a comfy chair and a rocking chair in the Hewett Hall playroom.

### ***Children and Youth on Sundays***

Everyone begins the morning together in the sanctuary for the first 10-15 minutes of worship through the *Story for All Ages*. The First Sunday of each month everyone remains in the Sanctuary for worship together (nursery care is available during all-ages services), 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays children (up to 12) and youth (13-19) continue their Explorations across the courtyard in Hewett Centre.

**Responsible adults must pick up children under age 9 from their classroom at 12:15 pm**, Youth Group runs until 12:30 pm, older children and youth will be released to meet their family in the hall for coffee hour. You may join your child in Explorations, but we encourage giving them their own time whenever possible.

### ***Colour Buttons Identify Teachers and Advisers***

**Orange:** Toddler Watch--attending to babies and children under 4 within the Children's Program.

**Green:** Children's Program Leaders and Assistants

**Yellow:** Youth Advisers

***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.

**Sign-up on the Vancouver Unitarians website volunteer page to Bake a Cake!** Everybody's Birthday is an annual celebration after Sunday Worship. Everyone sits at table with others born in the same month and the children serve salad, soup, and cake. It's lighthearted, friendly, and delicious. Lunch Donations cover costs and raise funds to support and enhance the Children's Religious Education programs. We need volunteers to pull this off! You can support the children by signing up to bake a cake, (we need 14), set-up tables, assist children with decorating, serve food, or clean-up. So many options to fit many levels of participation! <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/community/volunteer/>

**We are seeking applications for two occasional childcare positions.** Our childcare staff of the past three years has moved on to full-time employment as a preschool teacher—congratulations Julie! Parents and children will miss her dearly. We offer casual employment for one or two childcare workers covering the first Sundays of each month, Messy Church potluck, and other UCV events—such as the Chalice Choir concerts, films, adult workshops or orientations, and other events throughout the year. The position is ideal for someone who loves caring for young children, can regularly work 3 hours on the first Saturday evening and 2 hours during first Sunday worship services of most months, and may be available for occasional other events. Contact Kiersten Moore, Director of RE at [dre@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:dre@vancouverunitarians.ca) for more information or to apply.



Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Valediction**      *Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.  
Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.*

\* A hymn of unity for Abrahamic/monotheistic religions

**UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**WANT TO ENRICH AND EMPOWER THE LIVES OF WOMEN?** Want To Enrich and Empower the Lives of Women? Thirteen women participated in a discussion group at the 4th Annual Women's Gathering <<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/events/annual-womens-gathering/>> and decided to form not just one, but TWO NEW WOMEN'S GROUPS which meet monthly. One group meets on the third Monday of the month, 7:00-9:00 pm in the Fireside room and the other group meets on the first Friday of the month from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Fireside room. Registration is required. Both groups are now full. Contact Sheila at [sresels@gmail.com](mailto:sresels@gmail.com) <<mailto:sresels@gmail.com>> if you would like to be put on a wait list or if you'd like to be part of a third Women's Group.

**UCV WORDPRESS WEBSITE TRAINING:** Learn how to post news and events to the UCV website so your committee can get the word out. A series for beginners is scheduled for Saturdays 1 – 4 pm; Feb. 23, March 16 and June 1. Register with Aurora 604-261-7204 or [ca@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:ca@vancouverunitarians.ca)

**NEW TO UCV WORKSHOP:** Everything you wanted to know about Unitarianism and UCV but were afraid to ask. Join us for this one-day workshop, Saturday, Feb 23, 2019, 9:15 am – 2:30 pm, Fireside Room. Coffee and muffins, 9:00 am, lunch provided. Attendance encouraged prior to becoming a UCV member. Interested current members also welcome. Registration forms available at the Welcome Table or church office. Babysitting requests 2 weeks in advance. Questions, contact Dianne Crosbie at [dcrosbie@uniserve.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com) or the church office 604 261-7204.

**NEXT GSA GATHERING:** Monday, February 25, 6:30 pm for a potluck social and some planning. Please pick up the new Genders & Sexualities Alliance brochure in the brochure holders in the foyer of the sanctuary. RSVP as space is limited to [gsaucv@gmail.com](mailto:gsaucv@gmail.com)

**THE UCV SECOND SUNDAY BOOK GROUP** will meet on March 10th at 12:30 pm in Biddle to discuss *Women Talking* by Miriam Toews, which deals with “a fictionalized story of a real life rape in a religious colony” (Guardian, Sept ‘18). Everyone is welcome.

**NEW 2019 GROUP – THE POT LUCK BOOK AND LUNCH CLUB:** So, you like books. So do we! We all share a book or two we're reading that we think others would enjoy hearing about. Pick your favourites and join us. We sometimes read passages out loud too. The discussion is followed by a potluck lunch. We meet in the Fireside room, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, on the last Thursday of the month. Contact Nan Gregory at [nangregory@shaw.ca](mailto:nangregory@shaw.ca) for further info. Sometimes a few of us stay to practice circle dancing. You're welcome to join us!

## UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MEET OUR NEW BOOKKEEPER!** We are pleased to welcome Gordon Lowe to the UCV team as our new in-house bookkeeper! Gordon brings many years of church accounting experience to the role., You can find him at the office on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 3 pm, and on Fridays by appointment. You can also reach him by email [accounting@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:accounting@vancouverunitarians.ca) or ph 2604-261-7204-ext 222

**LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS:** The library group is looking for a volunteer to welcome and help people who come into the UCV library on the second Sunday of the month for a few months. No experience necessary. We are looking for enthusiasm!

### **UCV NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS:**

- New Westminster: Rob Dainow ([rdainow@shaw.ca](mailto:rdainow@shaw.ca))
- East Vancouver: Mairy Beam ([mairyelesbea@gmail.com](mailto:mairyelesbea@gmail.com)) and Paul Prescod ([paul@prescod.net](mailto:paul@prescod.net))
- Westside: Jeannie Corsi – contact [ucvconnect@gmail.com](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com)
- Fairview/False Creek – Vivian Davidson ([vdavidsonsc@gmail.com](mailto:vdavidsonsc@gmail.com))

Is your neighbourhood not listed? Would you like to meet Unitarians who live near you? Contact Mary Bennett [ucvconnect@gmail.com](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com) for help at connecting with your neighbours.

**UCV REPORTERS NEEDED - REFUGEE COMMITTEE AND VISUAL ARTS:** The communications committee is looking for "reporters" (one or two) to write up news, collect/take photos and post on the website updates for the Refugee Committee and the Visual Arts committee. This would involve talking with committee news, writing up an article, sending to the committee for any additions or corrections, asking for photos, taking some (with permission of course) or finding images online to illustrate the content. For the arts committee, the article could be in the style of a review and ideally interviewing and photographing that month's artist. (You do not need to attend meetings but of course you could.) Most if not all of this work could be done from home with a phone and computer. You would need to take the Feb. 23 workshop on how to post an article to the website. Apply to [communications@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:communications@vancouverunitarians.ca)

### **FROM COLONIZATION TO RECONCILIATION: A READING AND DISCUSSION GROUP**

Wednesday, Feb 20, 2019 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (seven sessions Feb 20-April 3) with Rev. Steven Epperson in the Fireside Room.

To begin to effect truth and reconciliation between settler Canada and First Nations peoples, we've been challenged to read foundational laws, treaties, Acts, and official Commission reports and recommendations.

No prior knowledge or expertise is expected. Just a willingness to read, discuss, listen, learn and be changed. For more info and links, see <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/events/from-colonization-to-reconciliation-a-reading-and-discussion-group-2019-02-20/>

**OUR WHOLE LIVES FOR AGES 12-14 IS BACK!** A sexuality education program for youth that models and teaches caring, compassion, respect, and justice. Move beyond the intellect to address the attitudes, values, and feelings that youth have about themselves and the world. This program is comprehensive and progressive. In an inclusive and developmentally appropriate manner, it addresses sensitive topics that are typically excluded from other curricula and classes offered. Contact Kiersten Moore ([dre@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:dre@vancouverunitarians.ca)) or Olivia Hall ([oliviahmargaret@gmail.com](mailto:oliviahmargaret@gmail.com)) for more information. Check <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/education/ow/> for updates.

**FEMINIST BOOK CLUB?** CUUWA Canadian UU Women's Association is setting up a monthly cross-Canada book club focusing on contemporary books on feminism. It will likely meet on a Sunday at 3 pm Pacific/7 pm Atlantic using zoom technology: <https://cuuwa.org/>. Locally Mary Bennett is involved: [maryinvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:maryinvancouver@gmail.com). Send any book recommendations to Mary. Mary's particularly interested in exploring the concepts of third wave feminism and intersectionality.

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND:** West Coast Environmental Law will be the recipient of OOF funding from 1 February to the end of May. Over the years, WCEL has worked with communities, NGOs, the private sector and all levels of government to develop legal solutions to protect the environment. In particular, it has supported First Nations in articulating, revitalizing and applying their laws to protect land, air and water. It has taken a leadership role in developing models for co-governance in BC and Canada and in establishing federal and provincial environmental laws that advance reconciliation. WCEL also offers free legal advice and support to groups and individuals who are trying to protect the environment.

*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**

**FOR PETE'S SAKE! - A COMOX VALLEY TRIBUTE TO PETE SEEGER:** Fri, March 1, 2019. Doors open 7:00 pm, Concert 7:30 pm – 10:30 pm. Location: Comox United Church, 250 Beach Drive, Comox. This joint fundraiser concert is sponsored by the Comox Valley Unitarian Fellowship and Comox United Church with a portion of the net proceeds supporting Project Watershed's [Kus-kus-sum initiative](#) (estuary stewardship restoring the Field Sawmill site). You will be singing along to classic Seeger tunes while supporting a worthy cause. Performed by stellar Vancouver Island talent including Doug Cox, Helen Austin, Bruce & Judy Wing, Kim June Johnson, and Tony Turner. Tickets are \$25 and available online at <https://peteseegercomox.eventbrite.ca> and at the door with a "pay-what-you-can" option to ensure affordability for all.

## **Next Sunday Service: February 24, 2019**

### **“Conditional Optimism” About Climate Change?**

*Rev. Steven Epperson*

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

**COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS**

Karen Hertz, Kathy Sayers, Eva Allen

**FLOWERS**

Diane Donaldson

**LUNCH**

No lunch today (Love Soup! cancelled)

**LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL**

Frances Anderson, David Buchanan

**SOUND**

Kaelyn Elfert

**GREETERS**

Shirley McLeod, Carolyn Grant, Denise Nereida, John Boyle

**WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE**

Wendy Bryan, George Atherton

**CARETAKER(S)**

Edgar Silveira, Eric Sun

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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

<b>PARISH MINISTER</b>	Rev. Steven Epperson
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