



Perseverance

Rev. Steven Epperson, Kiersten Moore & UCV Children

February 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.



*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

COMPUTUTOR: 12:00 – 1:00 pm in the Lindsey Room. Come with your own devices or questions. Paul Prescod and Galen Elfert are there to help. Further Info: Randall Mackinnon@yahoo.ca.

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

LUNCH: Provided by the Refugee Committee.

FORUM: 12:30 in the Fireside Room: This forum will include a video on the Re-Connecting work of Eco-Philosopher Joanna Macy, who is a scholar of Buddhism, general systems theory, and deep ecology. Since 1983 when she wrote 'Despair and Empowerment in the Nuclear Age', Joanna Macy has been healing activists around the world. Recently, she co-wrote 'Active Hope' with Chris Johnstone, medical doctor, addictions specialist, and educator. Come to see excerpts of her healing DVD 'The Work That Reconnects'. Despair is isolation. Empower yourself to reconnect... to community... to Earth. Presenter: Karl Perrin and the Environment Team

GENTLE CIRCLE DANCE: Come and get some gentle exercise to music next Sunday, February 3 in the Fireside Room, 2 – 3:30 pm. Mairy Beam and Mary Bennett teach four dances that we repeat three times each, so you can relax into it. If you have always felt you have two left feet this could be the session for you! RSVP appreciated but not required circledanceucv@gmail.com

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

Families with Children, Welcome!

Our Director of Religious Exploration, Kiersten Moore, coordinates a team of staff and volunteer teachers to provide programming for children (up to age 12) and youth (secondary school age). We 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 at www.vancouverunitarians.ca or email Kiersten at dre@vancouverunitarians.ca. There are many volunteer opportunities within the program and it is a great way to be involved, deepen spirituality, and build connections.

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), 2nd to 5th 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.

Celebration of Worship: February 3, 2019

Prelude	<i>Pick Yourself Up</i>	By Jerome Kern Patrick Dubois
Invocation	<i>Come, Come Whoever You Are</i>	By L.A. Unger With the Chalice Choir
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Hymn #6		<i>Just As Long As I Have Breath</i>
Outreach Opportunities Fund Presentation		Rainbow Refugee Society West Coast Environmental Law
Religious Education Leadership Recognition		Rev. Steven Epperson
Welcome and Announcements		Elisabeth Geller
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Elisabeth Geller
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Don't Give Up</i>	By Peter Gabriel Patrick Dubois and Beth Breisnes
Meditation – Spoken, then Silent		
Musical Response	<i>I Am Willing*</i>	H. Near, arr. S. Milloy With the Chalice Choir & UCV Children
Homily		
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Closing Hymn #168		<i>One More Step</i>
Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame		
Valediction	<i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again. Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.</i>	

* Please join us in singing the choruses:

I am open and I am willing

To be hopeless would seem so strange

It dishonors those who go before us

So lift me up to the light of change

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

FAIRVIEW NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP DINNER: Sunday, February 3, at 6 pm. Kaya Malay has two places available for our Dine Out Vancouver feast. \$25 per person. Essential to RSVP to ucvconnect@gmail.com. We have a reservation for (exactly) 8 persons.

EARTH SPIRIT CIRCLE: On the first Tuesday (February 5) from 6 – 7 pm, we gather in Hitschmanova to celebrate the turning of the seasons. This month we will “Welcome Brigid”, the Celtic Fire Goddess. We'll celebrate early spring and you'll go home with a snowdrop or two as well. (Brigid's flower!)

SECOND SUNDAY BOOK GROUP: *Fishing With John*, by Edith Iglauer, is a love story about the unlikely convergence of two people from different worlds who were able to make a rich and tender life together, and not only endure each other's company in alarmingly close quarters but to revel in it. Join us in Biddle at 12:30 -2 pm on Feb 11 to discuss this moving and well written book. All are welcome.

WANT TO ENRICH AND EMPOWER THE LIVES OF WOMEN? Thirteen women formed a discussion group at the [4th Annual Women's Gathering](#) and decided to form not just one, but two new women's groups which will meet monthly. One group will meet on the third Monday of the month, 7:00-9:00 pm in the Fireside room (first meeting will be Monday, Feb. 18th); and the other group will meet on the first Friday of the month from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Fireside room (first meeting is on Friday, March 1st). Registration is required. Contact Sheila at sresels@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

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

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@uniserive.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

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 for further info. Sometimes a few of us stay to practice circle dancing. You're welcome to join us!

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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)
- East Vancouver: Mairy Beam (mairyelesbea@gmail.com) and Paul Prescod (paul@prescod.net)
- Westside: Jeannie Corsi – contact ucvconnect@gmail.com
- Fairview/False Creek – Vivian Davidson (vdavidsonsc@gmail.com)

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

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. Send any book recommendations to Mary. Mary's particularly interested in exploring the concepts of third wave feminism and intersectionality.

RICK HANSEN ASSESSMENT: The Buildings and Grounds Committee has received an assessment, requested by Steven Epperson, from the Rick Hanson Foundation re UCV accessibility for the Hewett Centre and the Sanctuary. B&G is reviewing the report in terms of practicality, cost and the viewpoints of members with disabilities. Some \$s are available from the RHF. For information or a copy of the assessment contact Dianne Crosbie: dcrosbie@uniserve.com.

DROP-IN PING-PONG is being planned as a weekday morning activity at UCV for a group forming now. Registration is required. Please email George Atherton – notrehta@gmail.com – to find out more.

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) or Olivia Hall (oliviahmargaret@gmail.com) for more information. Check <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/education/owl/> for updates.

UCV CARE AND CONCERN COMMITTEE

A new 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. Steven Epperson

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.)

OUTSIDE EVENTS

UU WOMEN'S RETREAT: Save the Date! February 8 to 10, 2019 (Friday dinner to Sunday lunch) at the Bethlehem Centre in Nanaimo. Special rate of \$215.00 includes 6 delicious meals, private rooms, and a main room for activities. Expect connection with other women, several discussion circles to choose from and time for yourself. There is a 6 km walking trail and a Chartres-sized labyrinth. Expect spiritual renewal at this special place and time. NOTE: There are 4 accessible rooms available. To hold your space, contact Jane (janefoxincomox@gmail.com)

Next Sunday Service: February 10, 2019

A Beautiful World of Broken Hearts

Rev. Ron Phares

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Karen Hertz, Catherine Stewart, Pat MacBain

FLOWERS

Chris Pearce

LUNCH

Refugee Committee

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Jean Stanton, Lindsay Udem

SOUND

Rob Taylor

GREETERS

Ursula Litzcke, Gerda Schulz, Margo Elfert

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Jenny Podlecki, Karen Bartlett

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

PARISH MINISTER	Rev. Steven Epperson
COMMUNITY MINISTER	Rev. Laura Imayoshi
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Kiersten Moore
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Donna Brown
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Elliott Dainow
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