



Sanctuary and the Vision of Religion

Rev. Steven Epperson

January 20, 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

FORUM: 12:30 in the Fireside Room: *Design Process Information Session – the Role of the Architect.* The purpose of the session is to discuss with UCV members the role of the architect with respect to the mandate of the project – generating sustainable revenue for the future and building affordable rental housing: consultation, design, city approvals, building permits etc. Erika Gerson (architect and B&G member), Gordon Gram and Michael Clague convening.

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

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

LOVE SOUP! Happy New Year! The first Love Soup of 2019 is today in Hewett Hall after the service. Join us for lunch!

THE ENVIRONMENT TEAM is meeting today in Biddle at 12:30 pm. 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!

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: January 20, 2019

Prelude	<i>Ayrilik</i>	Traditional Persian Luke Moore: clarinet & bass clarinet Peyman Rouhandeh: Persian setar Bijan Rahmani: tombak
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Hymn #1017		<i>We Are Building A New Way</i>
Story for all Ages		<i>Told by Rev. Steven Epperson</i>
Children's Recessional		
Welcome and Announcements		Huguette Sansonnet Hayden
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Huguette Sansonnet Hayden
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Peyman's 6/8</i>	Peyman Rouhandeh Luke Moore, Peyman Rouhandeh, & Bijan Rahmani
Meditation – Spoken, then Silent		
Musical Response	<i>Igid</i>	Peyman Rouhandeh Luke Moore, Peyman Rouhandeh, & Bijan Rahmani
Homily		
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Closing Hymn #1053		<i>How Could Anyone</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>	

* Luke Moore is a regular at our services, and we are pleased to welcome him and his musical friends here today. – Elliott

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

FIRESIDE CAFÉ AND CHAT: Friday, January 25, 2 – 6 pm. Drop in to participate and caffeinate. Cookies provided. RandallMackinnon@yahoo.ca for further info.

OUT IN HARMONY CHOIR CONCERT (AND POTLUCK DINNER): The UCV Genders & Sexualities Alliance is supporting the annual Out in Harmony Choir concert this Saturday, January 26, 7:30 pm. We will gather in the Fireside Room 5:30 – 7 pm for a potluck dinner and social. All are welcome to join us. It's helpful if you RSVP to gsaucv@gmail.com. Meanwhile do pick up a copy of our new brochure in the racks in the Sanctuary.

BRING A FRIEND AND BUMBLE BERRY SUNDAY: January 27. Bring a friend to experience all that UCV offers; they may discover they were closet Unitarians all along. After the service, enjoy Bumbleberry Sundaes courtesy of the New U Committee. Every berry lovingly handpicked last summer.

PRACTICING INTERACTIVE THEATRE FOR LIVING: We meet monthly to practice techniques in interactive, improvisational theatre. Anyone welcome! Wear comfortable clothes and be prepared for fun and insight. Next practice: Saturday, February 9, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm in Hirschmanova. RSVP to host, Rev. Meg Roberts to confirm practice, 778- 870-9015 or mroberts@uuma.org.

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOVEABLE FEAST: After three very successful years, the Movable Feast is retiring. However, there are still plenty of opportunities to enjoy a meal with fellow Unitarians. There are 4 current UCV Neighborhood groups (listed below) and by becoming active, you can suggest places in your neighbourhood that would be fun to get together at (and have a better idea of dates that work!). Neighbourhood groups sometimes do pot luck dinners as well, so there are lots of choices for food and fun.

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.

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.

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.

MORE COMPUTER TRAINING COMING: The board approved a proposal for additional computer training including how to post articles and events on the website, using social media to help get the word out, making posters and brochures for your committees. There will be a series of three sessions for those who took the website basics as well. If your committee does not yet have someone to do web posts, etc. We encourage you to find someone who's available to take the training. Contact ucvconnect@gmail.com if you are interested, and we'll make sure to send you details. You can also search for "computer" on vancouverunitarians.ca to see information about past and future initiatives.

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.

RACE CARDS @ PUSH FESTIVAL: I'm (Mary Bennett) volunteering at this free event at the Roundhouse Community Centre. Come and explore (up to) 1000 questions about race and say hello - I'm a Race Cards Ambassador and will be there on these dates: Thursday, January 24, 11:30 am – 5:30 pm, Monday, January 28, 11:30 am – 5 :30 pm and Tuesday, January 29, 2 – 5:30 pm. I'd love to have Unitarian friends drop by and hear your feedback. Several UCV members are attending various PUSH events. If you'd like to know about arts and culture events send a note to maryinvancouver@gmail.com to be added to our email list where people post events they're attending and invite others to join them.

HELP NEW PEOPLE GET CONNECTED: Are you a friendly person who knows enough about UCV to help someone newer than you get connected? Contact Mary Bennett at ucvconnect@gmail.com if you can help. More info here: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/connector/>. We are especially looking for additional people who will respond to the (many) people who express interest in our social responsibility initiatives (social justice, environment, refugees, etc.) You don't need to know about everything (who does?). You'll just help them find their way through our complex congregation.

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)



Ajax violates Cassandra's sanctuary at the temple

Next Sunday Service: January 27, 2019

What We Wish People Knew About Unitarianism

Rev. Steven Epperson

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)

Karen Hertz, Kathy Sayers, Eva Allan

Diane Donaldson

Love Soup!

Frances Anderson, David Buchanan

Kaelyn Elfert

Shirley McLeod, Carolyn Grant, Denise Nereida, John Boyle

Alison Pearson, Geoff Rempel

Paul Nash, Eric Sun



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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