



Belonging

Rev. Steven Epperson & Special Guests

June 2, 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

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

FORUM: *Public Transit and Housing -- A Virtuous Relationship?* New investment in major public transit infrastructure is typically funded, in part, from property development fees along the corridor. Thus, expensive investments tend to lead to expensive new housing. In Vancouver, the planned Broadway subway, including the proposed extension to UBC, is a high-cost transit solution that may well result in new housing along its corridor that is unaffordable for people living and working in the city. Patrick Condon, UBC Chair in Landscape and Livable Environments, has long argued for less costly transit solutions that support more livable neighbourhoods and affordable housing. He will take us through the case for a Broadway subway to UBC, and outline practical, attractive, more affordable alternatives to it. Sponsored by the Environment Team.

GENTLE CIRCLE DANCE: Come and get some gentle exercise to music every 1st Sunday in the Fireside Room, 2 – 3:30 pm. This time we will practice the three “link-up” dances that circle dancers all over the world will be dancing on World Circle Dance Day July 7th. RSVP appreciated.

circledanceucv@gmail.com

ART SHOW: *Free to Be... Me!* This year's Children's Art Show was inspired by a project we did in March around the transgender day of visibility. They talked about what it means to be an individual and the importance of being free to express yourself and not hide who you really are. Each child had the opportunity in April to create a portrait of themselves in any way that spoke to them. Here are self-portraits of many children in our Religious Exploration program. Portraits in words, pictures, symbols, and colour. Each personal to the individual artist. I hope you enjoy this small peek into our children's creative reflection of themselves.

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 families 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: June 2, 2019

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| Prelude | <i>Sonata K.457 – Allegro Assai Minuet (from Symphony #39)</i> | Mozart Mozart E. Dainow, piano |
| Invocation | <i>We Gather Here Together</i> | With the Chalice Choir |
| Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours | | Rev. Steven Epperson |
| Kindling the Chalice Flame | | Rev. Steven Epperson |
| Opening Hymn #360 | | <i>Here We Have Gathered</i> |
| Story for All Ages | | Told by by Kiersten Moore |
| 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>Sonata K. 457 - Molto allegro (excerpt)</i> | Mozart E. Dainow, piano |

Text-to-Give!

Did 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!

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| Meditation | | Rev. Steven Epperson |
| Musical Response | <i>Song for the Mira</i> | By A. MacGillivray With the Chalice Choir |

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Litany of thanks: Let us give thanks to one another for the spirit, for the energy, sincerity, and generosity we share in our service to our congregation.

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Rev. Steven Epperson

Valediction *Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again (x2)*

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

EARTH SPIRIT CIRCLE, HERBAL TEA PARTY AND CIRCLE DANCE: – Tuesday, June 4, 6 – 7 pm in Hitschmanova. All are welcome. To be followed by Circle Dance in the Hall, 7 – 9 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOPS: The poster-making workshop with Marcus Hynes scheduled for May 25 is being postponed until September due to low enrolment. The web page organization for teams of 2 or more: June 8, 1 – 4 pm with Luke Zukowski is nearly full. Please contact me asap if you'd like to attend. Contact sharingucv@gmail.com for details.

JOHN VOTH'S ART SOCIAL: You're invited to John Voth's home on Friday, June 7th to view his art, talk about art, share your art and almost anything. You're welcome to bring snacks or beverage to share. RSVP to ucvconnect@gmail.com. 2996 5th Ave W, Vancouver BC, V6K 1T9. All welcome. Please feel free to invite someone who might be interested (and ask them to RSVP).

CANADIAN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST WOMEN – TEA AND AGM: Saturday, June 8, 9:30 am – Join on Zoom. Pre-Meeting Conversation starts at 9:30 am Pacific. Cross-Canada CUUWA Check-in starts at 10:00 am. Business Meeting starts at 11:00 am Pacific. Connect by Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/492908838>. Jo-Anne Elder-Gomes, Chair, and the CUUWA national Council. uuwa.org

PRACTICING INTERACTIVE THEATRE FOR LIVING: We meet monthly to practice techniques in interactive, improvisational theatre (except during July and August). Anyone welcome! Wear comfortable clothes and be prepared for fun and insight. Sat. June 8, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Hitschmanova. RSVP to host, Rev. Meg Roberts to confirm practice, 778-870-9015 / mroberts@uuma.org.

JUNE 8 HACKATHON? If you know about Wordpress or computer programming, please join us for a focused session of website improvements called a "hackathon": June 8, Biddle. Come for any period that you can spare between 11AM and 4PM. RSVP with paul@prescod.net if you have questions.

THE SECOND SUNDAY BOOK GROUP meets at 12:30 pm, June 9, in Biddle to discuss *Warlight*, by Michael Ondaatje. The work is a perceptive and poetic examination of the damage done by the making of war and the possibilities for healing and reclamation as well. Participants are asked to bring food to share and several titles for consideration in the coming season. No meeting in the summer. We gather again in September. Everyone is welcome to attend.

UCV'S THIRD COMPASSIONATE COMMUNICATION CIRCLES: Want more compassion in your world? Consider UCV's two Compassionate Communication Circles (practicing Compassionate Communication, CC) **plus** the Compassion Course Online 2019 from N.Y. (receiving 52 weekly emails covering CC concepts we then practise in the Circles). The Circles' 1st session (for both groups) is on June 23rd, 9:30 - 10:55 am in the Fireside Room. Each group will thereafter meet on the 4th Sunday of the month in the Family Room. Group A at 9:30 am & Group B at 12:30 pm. Registration is required sresels@gmail.com or cindy_returns@yahoo.com.

A THIRD WOMEN'S GROUP? It all started at a discussion group while at the 4th Annual Women's Gathering when 2 groups were formed. Because we want to continue enriching and empowering the lives of women, we are forming a third one which will meet the third Tuesday, 7-9 pm, in the Fireside Room, starting September 17th. Registration is required at sresels@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH SONG: A Weekend with Rev. Jason Shelton. September 27, 28 & 29, 2019, Unitarian Church of Vancouver. We are excited to announce this amazing opportunity. Jason Shelton is a UU musician, minister and composer (Fire of Commitment and many more) who believes in the power of music to inspire and unite. The workshop is open to anyone who likes to sing and will conclude with the Sunday service. More information and registration will be available soon. Please email Donna Brown to be put on the mailing list. (quinnbrown44@gmail.com)

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Would you like to make a contribution to the UCV community using your organizational skills? We are looking for a Forum Coordinator for the forums being held on Sundays after service by various groups. You would be responsible to be in communication with the groups holding the forums and to relay the forum info to the office staff and UCV communications. It is an important role, but would only require a few hours a month. If this seems like a fit for you, please contact Cindy Cashin, chair of the Program Coordinating Council at cindy_returns@yahoo.com

UCV OFFICE ASSISTANT and graphic designer Marcus Hynes will be hosting an art exhibition with his partner Taylor on the evening of Sunday, June 9 at the Cove Neighbourhood Pub as part of the brand new 'Cove Arts Collective' initiative, bringing together artists and charities together to celebrate local art and music and to help raise money for some great causes.

Marcus and Taylor will be taking over the top level of the Cove from 5 to 8 pm, where they will be exhibiting artwork, curating music, and selling posters, stickers, patches and postcards at some great prices. A portion of all proceeds will be donated to the Critter Care Wildlife Society, who work to save injured and orphaned mammals here in the Lower Mainland. Admission is free. Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU TO THE CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL! I am pleased to announce that our Harry Potter and UU Summer Theatre Camp has received a generous grant in the amount of \$3,000 from the [Canadian Unitarian Council's Sharing Our Faith Fund](#). This grant will help us hire camp staff at a fair compensation rate, provide an excellent student-counsellor ratio, and insure affordability for Vancouver families. Check out our summer camp web page at www.vancouverunitarians.ca/education/summer-camp for more details.

THE EARTH HAS A SOUL--NATURE WRITINGS BY C.G. JUNG: We are starting a new small group on the 4th Sunday of each month 12:30-1:30 pm. Each session will focus on a chapter from this book and the process will use covenant group guidelines of check-in, sharing, deep listening (rather than debate or discussion). Leadership will rotate. Contact Mary if you want to register or learn more: earthspiritucv@gmail.com. As with covenant groups, once we reach 10 members, the group will be closed.

MR. SHARP IS BACK! Clarence Phelps is bringing his precision diamond knife-sharpening equipment to Hewett Hall on **Sunday, June 9**. On that day, bring your knives, scissors, garden shears, scythes and other bladed implements, and enjoy your cutting experiences for months to come.

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 & Sheila Resels – 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.

WHERE IS THE PHONE NUMBER? If a printed announcement, a poster, or some other document doesn't include a phone number to call to find out more and you don't do email or whatever, just call the office – (604) 261-7204 – and ask for me to call you back. — George Atherton

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: This week's recipient of the Outreach Opportunities Fund will be the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre which every day supports over 500 women, children and seniors in crisis to meet their immediate health, housing and other needs. It helps women escape from poverty and violence by offering long-term support, education and peer mentorship. In addition, it advocates to increase awareness of inequalities and systemic injustice against women.

UCV CARE AND CONCERN COMMITTEE

A 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.)

Next Sunday Service: June 9, 2019

Building A Failure Muscle

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THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Denise Swanson, Catherine Stewart, Pat MacBain

FLOWERS

Carolyn Innes

LUNCH

No planned lunch

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Jean Stanton, Lindsay Udem

SOUND

Rob Taylor

GREETERS

Ursula Litzcke, Gerda Schulz, Margo Elfert

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Naomi Taylor, Alison Pearson

CARETAKER(S)

Edgar Silveira, Max Carranza



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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| PARISH MINISTER | Rev. Steven Epperson |
| COMMUNITY MINISTER | Rev. Laura Imayoshi |
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