



# The Forgiveness of Clay

Rev. Shawna Foster

*March 10, 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!

**FORUM:** Canada is a settler colonial society that, like others elsewhere, has provided opportunity for those who have come at the expense of those who were always here. In this forum, Cole Harris, long a student of settler colonialism in Canada, reflects on what it is to live in a settler colonial society, and particularly on the rapidly changing place therein of Indigenous people. Fireside Room, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

**THE UCV SECOND SUNDAY BOOK GROUP** will meet today 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.

**ART EXHIBIT:** March 1 to April 30 - in the Sanctuary and Fireside Room, inkjet prints by member Catherine Stewart. For the duration of this exhibit, 50% of any sales will be donated to the UCV Refugee Fund! To make inquiries about purchasing, please speak with Catherine or contact her by e-mail at [stewartcm@shaw.ca](mailto:stewartcm@shaw.ca).

## ***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 on March 10. 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/>

**Mystery Pals, March 31-May 5:** Sign-up by March 24th to be a Pal to someone older or younger than yourself—Knowing each other helps create a safe and connected community—this is a chance to bridge generation gaps between those who might not meet on a regular Sunday. More information and sign up forms are on the bulletin boards and welcome table or email Kiersten at

[families@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:families@vancouverunitarians.ca)

# Celebration of Worship: March 10, 2019

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Pas des Amphores</i> <i>Ritournelle</i> <i>The Grace of Her</i>	Cecile Chaminade Cecile Chaminade Mary Grigolia With E. Dainow*
<b>Invocation</b>	<i>Where Do We Come From?</i>	B. Tate With the Chalice Choir
<b>Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours</b>		Geoff Gomery
<b>Kindling the Chalice Flame</b>		Rev. Shawna Foster
<b>Opening Hymn #1008</b>		<i>When Our Heart is in a Holy Place</i>
<b>Story for All Ages</b>	<i>The Art of Listening Well</i>	By Eugene Raudsepp Read by Rev. Shawna Foster
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Cathy Sevcik
<b>Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns</b>		Cathy Sevcik
<b>Offering:</b> <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Listen, Listen, Listen to my Heart's Song</i>	Robert Gass With E. Dainow
<b>Reading</b>	<i>The Womb of Stars</i>	By Joy Atkinson
<b>Meditation – Spoken, then Silent</b>		
<b>Musical Response</b>	<i>Credo**</i>	from <i>Missa Brevis pro Serveto</i> By Rev. F. Dearman and T. Stokes With the Chalice Choir
	<b>The Forgiveness of Clay</b> Rev. Shawna Foster	
<b>Closing Hymn #1053</b>		<i>How Could Anyone</i>
<b>Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame</b>		Rev. Shawna Foster

## **Valediction**

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.  
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**Rev. Shawna Foster** is a Unitarian Universalist Minister from Colorado. She came to ministry through a prophetic path of working for peace and against war. Rev. Foster believes our tradition changes our lives and the world for the better because we are suited to fulfill our destiny to "love beyond belief" as expressed by Rev. Thandeka.

*\* The prelude music is all by women composers to honour International Women's Day, which was two days ago. – Elliott*

*\*\* What do I know of the world?*

*What does a fish know of water?*

*What knows a bird of the air?*

*Nothing but weather, nothing but waves.*

*Nothing comes from nothing;*

*I am born from the earth,*

*from air and fire,*

*from water and stars.*

*And my life, which I owe to nature,*

*being mortal, I shall return to the earth.*

*I believe in spirit,*

*breathing upon the waters.*

*I believe in lovingkindness.*

*I believe in life.*

## **UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVISTS DINNER:** Friday, March 15. Environmental and Social Justice activists and supporters are invited to Hewett Hall to Share dinner, Swap stories with new friends, and meet veteran activists Dr. Tara Cullis, co-founder and president of the David Suzuki Foundation, Dr. David Steele, vice president of Earth Save Canada, Quoc Nguyen, organizer for Leadnow and Lorimer Shenher, acclaimed author and advocate for marginalized people and police reform. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner is served at 6 pm, and the program starts at 7 pm. Reserve a seat at [Eventbrite.ca](http://Eventbrite.ca) (intergen activists) or [environment@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:environment@vancouverunitarians.ca). The main course will be provided by UBC Community Eats. Appetizers or desserts will be gratefully appreciated. Sponsored by the Environment Team.

**BOOK BASH:** The next UCV Book Bash will be held on March 24 from 9 am – 2 pm. There will be hundreds of gently used books in all genres selling from \$1- \$5. Please donate any books you are finished with to the library on Sundays. We need volunteers for short shifts to help us prepare for the sale on Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23, and to help with the sale on March 24. Contact David - [davidfbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:davidfbuchanan@gmail.com). Thank you!

**MYSTERY PALS, MARCH 31 – MAY 5:** Sign-up by March 24th to be a Pal to someone older or younger than yourself—Knowing each other helps create a safe and connected community—this is a chance to bridge generation gaps between those who might not meet on a regular Sunday. More information and sign up forms are on the bulletin boards and welcome table or email Kiersten at [families@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:families@vancouverunitarians.ca).

**UCV WORDPRESS WEBSITE TRAINING:** Do you want to let people know about an upcoming event? Learn to post it on our website. Next session: March 16. Register with Aurora, 604-261-7204 or [ca@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:ca@vancouverunitarians.ca) Our website is on the WordPress platform and much of what you learn would be applicable to any WordPress website (the most popular website platform.) Search [vancouverunitarians.ca](http://vancouverunitarians.ca) for “computer” for more details or contact [ucvconnect@gmail.com](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com). All ages welcome.

**NEW TO UCV BREAKFAST:** Prior to the service Mar. 17, 2019 will be a breakfast, 9:30 am in the Fireside Room, for those having attended the “New to UCV Workshop”. UCV Committee chairs will provide information on activities at UCV. For those wanting to sign the membership book, Rev. Steven Epperson will witness your signature. For additional information, contact Dianne Crosbie at [dcrosbie@uniserive.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserive.com) or contact the church office at 604 261-7204.

**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. One meets on the third Monday evening of the month, and the other meets on the first Friday afternoon of the month. Registration is required. Both groups are now full. Contact Sheila at [sresels@gmail.com](mailto:sresels@gmail.com) if you would like to be put on a wait list or to register for a third Women’s Group (date TBD).

**JES TRIO LIVE MUSIC CIRCLE DANCE:** Jane Slemon, Ellen van der Hoeven, and Susan Larkin weave a tapestry of instruments and a braid of their voices for the Live Music Circle Dance on Saturday, March 30. Early-bird fee of \$25 extended for UCV members as space permits. Register with office [ca@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:ca@vancouverunitarians.ca) or 604-261-7204. The theme, *How Does Your Garden Grow?*, welcomes songs of growth, earth and stem and is rich in CanCon, including JES originals and songs by Connie Kaldor, David Francey and Ian Tamblyn. Questions? [circledanceucv@gmail.com](mailto:circledanceucv@gmail.com)

**SITE REDEVELOPMENT?:** If you are uneasy about plans for redevelopment at UCV, please join a circle to share your concerns and ideas in the Sanctuary on March 31 at 12:15 pm. This will be a time to listen, not debate. Contact: Mairy ([mairyalesbea@gmail.com](mailto:mairyalesbea@gmail.com)) and Rob ([rdainow@gmail.com](mailto:rdainow@gmail.com))

## **UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2019-2020 UCV DIRECTORY OF SMALL GROUPS AND COMMITTEES:** Finding it hard to find out about the myriad activities that take place at UCV? Wanting to get involved with a group but not sure what’s available? Our newly updated Directory will help you navigate our complex Unitarian community. You can find hard copies on the Welcome Tables or in the office. If you’d like an electronic version, please contact Sheila at [sresels@gmail.com](mailto:sresels@gmail.com).

**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 WEBSITE NOTES:

- **Recent News:** Links to recent news posts on the UCV website appear in the Recent News section on the home page, right column.
- **Tracking Down a Past Sermon:** This is a recent news post on the UCV website – posted March 4 – that you can easily find even when it is no longer recent news. Search for “lit stall” “March 4” (all four quote marks included).

## 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 & Sheila Resels – 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.

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND:** West Coast Environmental Law (WCEL) 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. It has supported First Nations in articulating, revitalizing and applying their laws to protect land, air and water and has taken a leadership role in developing models for co-governance in BC and Canada.

**OLD REFRIGERATOR NEEDED!** I (David Valentine) am a volunteer for a tiny theatre group and the play that I'm helping out with requires an older refrigerator. It needs to be a 50s, 60s, or 70s style fridge without a large freezer, like the kind our parents had. It should be a large one also! it has to be free...we'll pick it up doesn't need to be working either. Any leads will help! Please contact me at [davidvalentine911@gmail.com](mailto:davidvalentine911@gmail.com) or 604-838-3498 if you are able to help!

*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.)*

## Next Sunday Service: March 17, 2019

### Loving Determination

*Sarah Kendall*

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## THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

**COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS**

Karen Hertz, Joan Balmer, Pat Johnson

**FLOWERS**

Lorraine Calame

**LUNCH**

Everybody's Birthday!

**LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL**

Sheila Lindfield, George Atherton

**SOUND**

Galen Elfert

**GREETERS**

Sakura Nandana, Setty Pendakur, Penny Pearson, Denise Nereida, Hank Einarson

**WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE**

Wendy Bryan, Eleanore Dunn

**CARETAKER(S)**

Matt Yeung, Igor Santizo

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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
<b>COMMUNITY MINISTER</b>	Rev. Laura Imayoshi
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**Office Hours:** Monday to Thursday, 9:30 am to 2 pm; Friday, 9 am – 1 pm (by appointment);  
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