



Mary Riter Hamilton (1868 – 1954)

Gift-Giving, Art & Regeneration

Rev. Steven Epperson

January 12, 2020



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 chi gong at 9:15 – 9:45 am in the Meditation Room, followed by sitting meditation. There is brief guidance at the beginning. Inquiries: victoriaoginski@gmail.com

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

THE UCV BOOK GROUP: will meet on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 12:30 in Biddle to discuss *Team Human*, the inspiring and informative book by Douglas Rushkoff, (highly recommended by Dr. Fred Bass in his resiliency workshops.) It is a call for us to act - not as individual players but 'as the team we actually are.' Everyone is welcome.

TODAY'S FORUM: According to the latest figures for 2019, there are 2.6 drug toxicity deaths every day in BC. This horrifying number is despite BC's Overdose Prevention Sites, mobile needle exchange programs, the Insite program for treatment of drug users, and other services. If you want to know more about what can be done to reduce the number of deaths, come to the Social Justice forum on January 12, to hear Micheal Vonn, recently appointed CEO of Portland Housing Society (PHS). She will discuss her work on developing harm reduction programs. Micheal was previously the Policy Director for BC Civil Liberties Society. Prior to that she worked on developing BC's HIV/AIDS program. She will be joined by Happy Kreter who will talk about "Spiritual Services in our Community".

INTERIM MINISTER QUESTIONS? Are you wondering whether to join the committee that will be hiring the Interim Minister to replace Steven next fall? Bring your questions to Leslie Hill and Michael O'Neil right after today's service at the front of the Sanctuary.

UCV GROUP ART SHOW: An exhibition of artwork by UCV members is on display in the Sanctuary and Fireside until February 29. Come and enjoy some beautiful artwork created by your friends and colleagues!

Families with Children, Welcome!

Vancouver Unitarian families connect, grow, and learn in many ways. Visitors, friends, and returning members are welcome to drop-in to our Sunday morning programs anytime.

Our children and youth groups 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 www.vancouverunitarians.ca or email Kiersten at families@vancouverunitarians.ca



Kiersten Moore, Director of Religious Exploration

Children and Youth on Sundays



Everyone begins together in the Sanctuary for Worship through the *Story for All Ages* before leaving to classes and groups (excepting the first Sunday of each month, which is an all-ages service).

- Youth Group (ages 13-19)—meets 10:15 to Noon in Hitschmanova, lower level of Hewett Centre. Drop-in anytime
- Passport to Spirituality (ages 4-9)—meets upstairs in the rooms closest to the Hewett Hall entrance (Lindsey-Priestly)
- Crossing Paths (ages 10-12)—meets either in Fireside room or downstairs in the preschool.

A parent/guardian or adult family member must pick up children under age 9 from their classroom at 12:15, older children and youth will be released to meet their family in the Hall.

Toddler Watch Team attends to babies and children under 4 within the Children's Program. Look for the Children's Guide with the bright orange button or check in with the Leader—bright pink.

Children and babies are welcome to remain with their adult family members through the service. Nursing parents are welcome in any part of our building. You may join your child in explorations if you wish.

We offer some tips to help children be at ease in the Sanctuary:

- 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; 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.



Buddy Bags are available in the foyer for use during the service!

Celebration of Worship: January 12, 2020

Prelude	<i>Con Moto</i>	Schubert E. Dainow, piano
Invocation	<i>Come and Find the Quiet Centre</i>	Traditional, words by S. Murray With the Chalice Choir
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Hymn	<i>#350: The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time</i>	
Story for all Ages		Rev. Steven Epperson
Announcements		Carolyn Grant
Reading from the Book of Celebrations & Concerns		Carolyn Grant
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>An die Musik**</i>	Schubert E. Dainow, piano

Text-to-Give! 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!

Musical Response	<i>All I Have to Bring Today*</i>	Words: E. Dickinson, Music: L. Nickel With the Chalice Choir
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Closing Hymn	<i>#131: Love Will Guide Us</i>	
Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
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>	

* This is the piece that the choir commissioned in honour of Donna Brown's 20th year. Enjoy!

** O blessed art, how often in dark hours,
When the savage ring of life tightens round me,
Have you kindled warm love in my heart,
Have transported me to a better world!

Often a sigh has escaped from your harp,
A sweet, sacred harmony of yours
Has opened up the heavens to better times for me,
O blessed art, I thank you for that!

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

SHOULD WE STILL BE CALLING OURSELVES A "CHURCH?" *The Unitarian Church of Vancouver, or...Vancouver Unitarians or The Unitarian Congregation of Vancouver, or something else?* Please come to the Circle Discussion Forum on January 19th, 12:30 pm, in the Fireside room to express your views on whether we should change or keep our name. Your perspective is important. See the brochure "What's in a Name?" available in the sanctuary foyer and in Hewett Hall. Contact Sheila R, sresels@gmail.com ("What Do We Call Ourselves?" Task Force) for further information.

BUMBLE BERRY SUNDAE: Sunday, Jan 26, 2020. After the service, enjoy Bumbleberry Sundaes courtesy of the New U Committee. Every berry lovingly handpicked last summer.

SUSTAINABILITY PLANS FOR THE "NO SITE DEVELOPMENT" OPTION: In June of 2020, UCV members will be asked to decide whether or not to approve the campus redevelopment. Over the past three years, the Site Redevelopment Team has done an excellent job of investigating and advising the board and the congregation on details of the potential development, but do we have a clear enough picture of what might happen if we don't approve redevelopment? The forum on January 26 will include a look at projections for UCV finances over the coming decades, possible capital improvements needed for our three buildings, and strategies needed to ensure adequate revenues. We will also try to envision what an alternative future might look like for us without development. Come with your questions and ideas. Facilitators: Mairy Beam, Keith Wilkinson and Sheila Resels.

TAKE THE JOURNEY OF SELF-DISCOVERY in 2020 with beginners Tarot and Astrology classes in the meditation room, no experience needed. 4 Week Intro to Tarot 2 - 4:30 pm Feb 2nd – March 1st, 6 Week Intro to Astrology 5 – 7 pm Feb 2nd – March 15th. See www.westcoastskies.com/pages/events for details and registration.

NEW GENDER AND CULTURE GROUP: In this group, we'll talk about the influences that have shaped our gender identity and expression, especially role models like parents and cultural figures. We'll share stories about our gender journeys and discuss the role of gender in today's world. We meet on the second Monday of each month in the Lindsey-Priestley Room from 6:30-8:30 pm. Please email Glenn Deefholts (glenn.deefholts@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining us.

POTLUCK DINNER AND CHOIR CONCERT: Saturday, January 25. The Out in Harmony choir directed by Unitarian Nicola Hamilton is doing their January concert here at UCV. The Genders and Sexualities Alliance (UCV GSA) are coordinating a potluck prior in the Fireside room. All welcome. RSVP appreciated so we can set a place at the table/s for you! <https://vancouver.breezechms.com/form/gsapotluck> Potluck starts at 5pm with appetizers. Entrees served 6pm. Questions? contact Chair Mary Bennett gsaucv@gmail.com Details here: <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/events/gsa-potluck-jan/>

BREEZE TRAINING: The next Breeze (database) training for Small group and team leaders is on Saturday, Feb 1 3-5pm with Janni Kretlow from the North Shore church. Please RSVP to ucvconnect@gmail.com.

WEBSITE SUPPORT FOR TEAMS: Sat. Feb 1 1-4pm (Last hour is a practice session with coaching)
Luke Zukowski will be doing another workshop for committees and groups who want to use the website to get your news and events out to a broader group. Luke always throws in a few tips and tricks that even experienced folks didn't know about. It's ideal if at least 2 people from your team attend together. Bring a laptop if you can. Information from George Atherton.
Details here: <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/events/website-for-teams2/>

SINGING GROUP: Do you like to sing? Join us every second Sunday of the month in the Lindsey-Priestley room at 12:30pm!

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF UCV is looking for a small group to head up the Interim Ministry Committee. This group of 6 people will be responsible for engaging UUA staff to initiate the search in early February, and also to gather congregational feedback as to what we're looking for. Interim ministers are hired/called by the IMC of the congregation in direct consultation with the UUA's Transitional Ministry staff. That is, the IMC functions as a "hiring" committee. The congregation does not vote on or hire the interim minister. If you are a church member and interested in joining this committee, please give your name to Carolyn Grant or Leslie Hill.

尋道會, XUNE DAO HUI, SEEKERS OF THE WAY: To reach out to the Chinese community, locally and globally, a Chinese language page has been added to the UCV website, containing the same content as the paper brochures available in the pews and brochure racks - "who we are", vision, 7 principles and sources, history of Unitarianism, famous Unitarians, services/programs (with apology "in English only"), rental and links. Explanation that the literal translation of UU as "one God Universal Salvation" no longer represents our present-day worldview, is highlighted. Membership Development Committee

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION: During the worship service Jan 26, 2020 there will be a short recognition ceremony for those who have recently joined the UCV. We encourage all new members to attend. For further information contact Dianne Crosbie dcrosbie@uniserive.com or the church office 604 261-7204.

INTERESTED IN SOCIAL MEDIA? In coordinating a group of creative, self-motivated nerds and geeks? If so, the position of chairperson for the Communications Committee may be for you. You will support members in executing and monitoring communications strategies, promotional materials and brand identity. Having a working knowledge of computers, social media, and the UCV website is helpful. Please contact Sheila R., board liaison to the com. cmte, at sresels@gmail.com if you would like further information.

CARETAKERS NEEDED: UCV is looking for more capable and responsible Caretakers to look after our rental clients and to help keep our campus clean and orderly. This is a casual position, perfect for students, creatives, those who are underemployed or simply looking for a source of supplemental income. Evening and weekend availability is preferred, though there are openings for early weekday shifts as well. For more information, including a full job description, please contact Marcus at the UCV office at 604-261-7204, extension 0, or marcus@vancouverunitarians.ca.

2020 MULTIFAITH CALENDARS are on sale now! Pick up one of these beautiful calendars at the Library in Hewett hall and mark a couple gifts off your list at the same time. \$15 or 2 for \$25. All proceeds go to benefit UCV's children's programs and the Multifaith Action Society.

MEMBERS, FRIENDS, AND VISITORS: Wearing a name tag helps others learn or remember who you are and encourages friendly connections. Please take the time to wear a clear nametag each time you're at UCV!

OUR OOF RECIPIENT (OCT- JAN) is Sole Food. Its mission is to transform vacant urban land in Vancouver into street farms that grow artisan quality fruits and vegetables. By providing jobs, agricultural training, and inclusion in a community of farmers and food lovers, the Sole Food project has empowered dozens of individuals who are managing addiction and mental health problems.

MEMBER NOTICE: Peter Henderson no longer drives and would appreciate a ride from the West End to church during the Winter months. Please call 604-682-8290 if you are able to help.

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: January 19, 2020

The Story / Our Story

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THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Ingrid Luters, Eva Allan

FLOWERS

Chris Pearce

LUNCH

Environment Committee

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Sheila Lindfield, George Atherton

SOUND

Galen Elfert

GREETERS

Denise Nereida, John Boyle, Hank Einarson, Sakura Nandana

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Alison Pearson, Wendy Bryan

CARETAKER(S)

Paul Nash, Edgar Silveira



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
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"Please note that the UCV office will be closed for the Holidays from 2:30- pm, Tuesday, December 24th to 9:00 am, Thursday, January 2nd".

Regular Office Hours: Monday to Thursday, 9:30 am to 2 pm; Friday, 9 am – 1 pm (by appointment);
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