



The Blues: The Story

Rev. Steven Epperson

February 16, 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 converse quietly 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

LOVE SOUP: February's Love Soup is on today! Please come and enjoy delicious soups, fresh salad, tasty Terra Bread and yummy desert in our friendly dining room in the Hewett Centre. This is a very enjoyable way to help fundraise for our beautiful Church!

MR. SHARP: Clarence Phelps – AKA Mr. Sharp – will be providing his services this morning in the Hall from 10am to 2pm.

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

FORUM: *Housing Co-ops in the 21st Century: Community Land Trust Presentation on Creating New Cooperative Housing Projects in BC.* Sanctuary, from 12:30 to 2:00 (or later, to answer questions). Executive Director Tiffany Duzita, and Darren Kitchen, of the Community Land Trust, which is part of the Cooperative Housing Federation of BC (CHF-BC), and the Executive Director of CHF-BC Thom Armstrong, will speak about the new direction of Housing Co-ops in British Columbia under the Community Land Trust Model. A sub-set of UCV re-development committee members have been discussing options for redevelopment at UCV with Catalyst long before Catalyst's decision to remove itself from consideration for UCV's redevelopment project. A housing co-op at UCV, developed by the CLT remains a viable option for a redevelopment project that aligns itself very closely with UCV values. There will be an opportunity for members to ask questions.

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: February 16, 2020

Prelude	<i>Spirituals</i> <i>Blues</i>	arr. Burleigh Martha Meir Performed by E. Dainow*
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Hymn	<i>#357: Bright Morning Stars</i>	
Story for All Ages		Read by Rev. Steven Epperson
Children's Recessional	Let's sing the children out... "Go now in peace..."	
Announcements		Léonie Armstrong
Reading from the Book of Celebrations & Concerns		Léonie Armstrong
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Before the Sun Goes Down</i>	Words and music by E. Dainow Performed by E. Dainow

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!

Meditation, Spoken then Silent		Rev. Steven Epperson
Musical Response	<i>You Gotta Live With the Blues</i>	Ken Kraintz

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Closing Hymn	<i>#93: To Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love</i>	
Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Valediction	<i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again</i> <i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again</i>	

* *This music pays homage to Black History Month this February. – Elliott*



Building the Mississippi Delta levees

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

WHAT'S OSTARA? and how will we celebrate? The 3rd Tuesday Earth Spirit circle is planning to celebrate Spring Equinox/Ostara. All welcome! Come and learn and contribute, February 18, 7 – 8:30 pm in Hirschmanova. <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/events/earth-spirit-february/>

SAVE THE DATE: Everyone on the Membership Team is invited to a workshop, dinner and social, Saturday, March 28, 2 to 8:30 pm in Fireside.

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.

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

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interim Ministry Committee: This committee, chaired by Leslie Hill, has been struck to recommend to the Board of Trustees a candidate for a two-year interim appointment to replace Steven Epperson, beginning in August, 2020. The Board of Trustees makes the decision to hire the candidate. However in the search for the Settled Minister who will replace the Interim Minister, the congregation casts the final vote for a candidate recommended by a different committee.

Timeline:

- Feb. 1/2020** Email the UUA staff to say the UCV needs a full time, interim minister for a period of two years beginning Aug. 1.
- March** Prepare the Interim Search Documents Packet
- April 9** Publish the Interim Search Documents Packet to UUA for potential interim ministerial candidates to read
- May 4** Names of interested candidates are sent to the IMC contact person.
- May 4- 17** The IMC interviews interested candidates, checks references, asks whether the candidates are still interested in UCV, and ranks the candidates in order of preference.
- May 18** IMC sends its ranked list (yes, maybe, no) to the UUA Transition Office. Candidates send in the churches that appeal most to them.
- May 19/20** If there is a meeting of minds and hearts between a candidate and the UCV Interim Ministry Committee, the Board will make an offer.

IMC Committee Members: Shirley Brunke, Rob Dainow, Cole Harris, Way Kent, Tanya Lewis, Jenny Malcolm, Michael O'Neil, Katherine Roback, Carol Siebert

SANCTUARY FILM WORK: You may have noticed this morning that the Sanctuary looks a little different than usual. It is being set-dressed by a film production studio for a television shoot taking place next Thursday, February 20. The work has been approved by the Buildings and Grounds committee, and the Sanctuary will be returned to its normal condition (with a few upgrades, thanks to the accommodating film crew) before next Sunday's service.

SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY: More than 50 people volunteer to help make Sunday morning welcoming--from greeters, to welcome table, to coffee servers and those who staff the sermon discussion table. All of these teams occasionally need additional people, so if you could help please fill out this form: <https://vancouver.breezechms.com/form/sundayvolunteers>. The Connect & Engage team are particularly looking for people to be at the sermon discussion table with a smart phone, tablet or laptop to help people sign up to any newsletters or registration forms they may be interested in. This can be done on your own device (or theirs) or you can borrow the UCV tablet or laptop. Contact Mary Bennett if you can help with this ucvconnect@gmail.com

MENDING: YOU CAN DO IT; WE CAN HELP! On the 4th Saturday from 12 to 2 pm, Marie Witt sets up two sewing machines and people bring their mending, darning or craft projects to work on together in a friendly, helpful ambiance. More details and an RSVP form if you want to receive automated reminders 3 days prior can be found here: <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/events/makers-darn/>
Questions? contact Marie at findmariewitt@gmail.com

OUR NEW OOF RECIPIENT is the Aboriginal Mother Centre (AMC) whose purpose-built facility offers accommodation for 16 at risk mothers and their children. It provides all the support, tools and resources a mother needs to rebuild her life and keep her children. Services include counselling, education, training, and spiritual and social support. AMC also organizes homelessness outreach and family wellness programs, licensed daycare and a community kitchen.

A GIFT FOR STEVEN EPPERSON: To mark this, his final year as minister of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver, members of the congregation have created a book for Steven Epperson. It contains a selection of sermons from the more than 300 Steven has delivered over his 17 years at UCV. When one reads the book one quickly realizes it is as much a gift to us as it is to Steven. The cost of a copy is \$20.00 and it is available from the library stall in Hewett Hall. The proceeds go to UCV.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE? We're looking for someone with an interest in and working knowledge of human resources. Please contact Sheila Resels, chairperson of the Human Resources Committee, at sresels@gmail.com for further information.

UCV BENCHES: We are gradually replacing all the crumbling benches on the UCV grounds. Please contact Catherine Stewart at stewartcm@shaw.ca if you are interested in making arrangements to donate a bench to UCV to commemorate a person or event (or just to beautify our church surroundings).

MR. SHARP IS BACK!: Clarence Phelps is bringing his precision diamond-honed knife-sharpening equipment to the Hewett Hall on the following Sundays: March 15, April 19, and May 17 from 10 am to 2pm. Bring your knives, scissors, garden shears, scythes and other bladed implements and enjoy your cutting experience for months to come!

THIS WEEK - BY BREEZE: We are converting our weekly this week message including the upcoming week's events, order of service and announcements from the googlegroup to our internal database Breeze. To receive (or continue to receive) the weekly message, please sign up here: <https://vancouver.breezechms.com/form/thisweekemail> For our privacy policy, go to vancouverunitarians.ca/privacy Our PIPA (Personal Information Privacy Act) officers are board member, Huguette Sansonnet Hayden, and congregational administrator, Aurora Eyolfson. If you have a concern or question around our privacy policy, please send to privacy@vancouverunitarians.ca or contact Aurora at 604-261-7204

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: February 23, 2020

The Lost Generation of the 1790's

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THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Ingrid Luters, Catherine Stewart

FLOWERS

Diane Donaldson

LUNCH

Love Soup!

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Frances Anderson, David Buchanan

SOUND

Galen Elfert

GREETERS

Carolyn Grant, Shirley McLeod, Ralph Theroux, Denise Nereida and Sakura Nandana

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Naomi Taylor, Hans Elfert

CARETAKER(S)

Edgar Silveira, 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
CASUAL CARETAKERS	Ben Yeung, Paul Nash, Karen Hertz, Edgar Silveira, Vivian Davidson, Marie Witt, Doug Ennenberg, Jannika Nyberg
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