



(L) Emily Carr, *Happiness*, 1939 (R) A photo of the artist circa 1899

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[Livestreamed](#) from the UCV Sanctuary – April 12, 2020



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Emily Carr's extraordinary story and art make for a fine way to celebrate the themes of Easter. We're going to try a grand experiment: pre-recording scenes of the pageant acted by UCV congregants and families from different locations and then stitching them together with original music and Carr's glorious artwork. Join us for this home-made, Easter celebration!

Livestream link: <https://ucv.im/live>



Embracing the Future

March 2020 statement from Rev. Steven Epperson & Board President Diane Brown

During this COVID-19 period, all face-to-face meetings on the UCV campus (and worship services in our church Sanctuary) are cancelled. The Sunday worship services will be livestreamed for the foreseeable future on the [UCV YouTube channel](#). Rev. Steven Epperson, Elliott Dainow, and our Worship Committee will continue to provide quality worship services that you can view at home. The UCV Board and other committees and working groups will continue to do their good work via Zoom meetings, email, and phone, and DRE Kiersten Moore and the religious education team are working on options to continue connection and support for families, children, and youth. The office staff continues to do their work during regular business hours (Monday to Thursday, 9:30 am to 2 pm; Friday, 9 am – 1 pm). Plans are in place to have Administration staff work from home if warranted, computer stations, email, phones/voicemail etc. have all been set up to enable minimal activity at the office.

Parents, Children, and Youth

Check out our [online connection times](#) for children, tweens, youth, and parents. These times will stay consistent each week—drop-in any week to see familiar faces and new, connect and support each other in Unitarian fashion. (FUUN)

Today—Everyone is invited to watch the Easter Pageant Service

Seven families pulled together a video recorded Pageant. We hope you will join us in watching!

Afterwards, join in on a **Kid-centered breakout room during coffee-hour** for kids to see and talk with each other. Hosted by Nan Gregory. ucv.im/coffee-hour at Noon Sunday.

Crossing Paths RE: Mondays 1:00—2:15 pm ucv.im/tween-zoom

Crossing Paths Tweens (ages 10-12) this space and time is for you! Check-in with each other, continue our explorations of World Religions—Quakerism, then Hinduism, and wherever your questions and wonderings lead us.

Youth Group! Sundays 3:00—5:00 pm ucv.im/youth-zoom

Youth in grades 8-12 meet to share, explore, come up with distant game time, and generally connect. Drop-in any Sunday—from near and far.

Steven's tea-time drop-in Wednesdays 3:00—4:00 pm ucv.im/steven-tea

A social gathering time hosted by Rev. Steven Epperson. It is a soul fulfilling thing to see each other's faces in this time of physical distancing and isolation. Come check-in with each other, bring your joys, your challenges, your questions and insights, your whole selves.

Friday Coffee Break with Kiersten 10:30—11:30 am ucv.im/coffee-break

Being home deserves a coffee break--and we all deserve to see each other! Family centered drop-in time for Parents. If kids can login on a separate device from parents, we can do break-out rooms!

If you haven't been in touch yet—please take a few brief moments with this online form to let your RE team know how we can best serve you at this time: <https://vancouver.breezechms.com/form/family-connections>

Celebration of Worship: April 12, 2020

Prelude *Pictures at an Exhibition (Promenade)* Mussorgsky
E. Dainow, piano

Opening Words/Greeting Neighbours Near and Far Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame Rev. Steven Epperson

Opening Hymn #266: *Now the Green Blade Riseth*

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Steven Epperson

Celebrations & Concerns

If you have a special celebration or concern to share, please email or call Rev. Steven Epperson (604-261-7204, ext. 223, rev@vancouverunitarians.ca). We'll collect them in the office and share them with you as appropriate.

Offering: *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.* *Pictures at an Exhibition (The Gnome; Tuileries)* Mussorgsky
E. Dainow, piano

We continue to support the work of this congregation and our outreach opportunities recipient – the Aboriginal Mother Centre – through an online offering. You may use **text-to-give** now (Simply text an amount to 778-771-1707 to get started today, or visit <http://ucv.im/give> for more information!) or [donate online](#) through our private and secure Breeze interface.

Meditation, Spoken then Silent

Musical Response *Pictures at an Exhibition (The Old Castle)* Mussorgsky
E. Dainow, piano

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Closing Hymn #1068: *Rising Green*

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame Rev. Steven Epperson

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

A LIVING LIST OF ESSENTIAL LINKS: In recognition of the fact that it may be difficult for some to keep up with the deluge of information being communicated regarding online resources and meetings, the following is a condensed list of essential UCV community links:

- <https://ucv.im/live>: Livestream link for Sunday church services (active at 10:55am each Sunday morning)
- <https://ucv.im/order-of-service>: View an online version of the current Order of Service
- <https://ucv.im/coffee-hour>: Virtual coffee hour – every Sunday immediately following the service
- <https://ucv.im/give>: Instructions on how to make a donation/gift
- <https://ucv.im/steven-tea>: Steven’s Tea Time Drop-In: Every Wednesday from 3 – 4pm
- <https://ucv.im/coffee-break>: Friday Coffee Break with Kiersten, every Friday from 10:30 – 11:30 am.
- <https://ucv.im/events>: The most frequently updated list of UCV events
- <https://ucv.im/sermons>: A text-based archive of past services/sermons
- <https://ucv.im/core-documents>: An online repository for important UCV documents such as board minutes, annual reports, and so forth.

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

Many of our community gatherings have moved online, for a complete list of upcoming events, please visit <https://ucv.im/events>. If you would like to add your zoom event to the list please contact Marie Witt findmariewitt@gmail.com.

NOTES ON ZOOM:

- Check here for up-to-date offerings from Connect & Engage: vancouverunitarians.ca/zoom-gatherings
- If you want to set up a Zoom meeting using our pro account, contact: Mary Bennett (ucvconnect@gmail.com) for gatherings like covenant groups, mens and womens groups, book groups etc., or Marcus (marcus@vancouverunitarians.ca) for committee meetings
- All ‘open’ UCV Zoom meetings have a password upon entry, which, unless specified otherwise by the organizer, is ‘ucv’.
- Are you concerned about security on Zoom? Read the new post by Mary Bennett at vancouverunitarians.ca/zoom-security. New posts from Zoom can be found here: <https://blog.zoom.us/>

THE UCV SECOND SUNDAY BOOK CLUB will meet after service today to discuss *The Alice Network*, by Kate Quin. This book is a fictional version of the little-known and inspirational real-life Alice Network, a group of women who worked as undercover spies, endangering their lives, and perhaps helping to win the wars against the Germans. It is a gripping story and we expect a lively discussion.

Sign into the virtual coffee hour after 12 pm on April 12th by clicking this link ucv.im/coffee-hour which will take you to the Zoom meeting room. From there, ask to join the Book Group breakout ‘room’. Contact Rob Dainow at rdainow@gmail.com if you need more info.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR: Every Sunday, 12 – 1 pm. Watch our Sunday service and then join us for coffee. Visitors, members and friends are welcome! Join others for our virtual coffee hour every Sunday 12 noon to 1 pm. Visit <https://ucv.im/coffee-hour> to join!

STEVEN'S TEA-TIME DROP-IN: Every Wednesday, 3 – 4 pm. Drop-in for a social gathering time hosted by Rev. Steven Epperson. It is a soul-fulfilling thing to see each other's faces in this time of physical distancing and isolation. Come check-in with each other, bring your joys, your challenges, your questions and insights, your whole selves. Visit <https://ucv.im/steven-tea> to join.

FRIDAY COFFEE BREAK WITH KIERSTEN: Every Friday, 10:30 – 11:30 am. Work from home deserves a coffee break--and we all deserve to see each other! Family centered drop-in time for Parents. Kids and youth welcome--if you're able to login on a separate device from parents we can do break-out rooms! Visit <https://ucv.im/zoom-practice> to join.

NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS TUESDAY NIGHT ZOOM CHAT: Every Tuesday, 7:30 – 8:30 pm. Get to know other Unitarians in your area! Neighbourhood Groups are a great way to spend Tuesday evening. We will sign into zoom together and then break out into smaller chat groups by neighborhood. Further information is available at <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/events/tuesday-night-zoom-chat-2020-04-07/>

BOOK (AND POEM AND VIDEO) SHARING VIA ZOOM: Every Wednesday, April 8, 10 – 11 am. You are invited to the book (and poem and video) sharing discussion via Zoom video conferencing. For more information, visit: <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/events/potluck-book-and-poem-and-video-club-via-zoom-2020-04-08/>

CHECK IN AND ZOOM PRACTICE: Every Thursday, 2 – 3 pm. Practice using Zoom with other Unitarians. Drop-ins welcome. Topics covered: mute on/off; video on/off; change name; chat (via text) to an individual or everyone; raising hand; thumbs up/clapping icons, etc. Visit <https://ucv.im/zoom-practice> to join.

MENDERS, NOW ONLINE: We have moved our monthly mending workshop (every fourth Saturday) to an online format to provide some social activities during this time of self-isolation. Put on your kettle and join us for conversation and clothing repairs. This is a casual, drop-in style meetup over Zoom. Email findmariewitt@gmail.com to join.

CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The decision has been regretfully made to cancel the National Conference in May in Halifax. In light of the rapidly evolving situation, the CUC, together with the UU Church of Halifax Host Team, feel that holding a gathering in these times represents a potential risk to our members, staff and community and we fully support the recent recommendation from the Nova Scotia government to limit gatherings to 150 people. The cancellation of the in-person conference presents an opportunity for us to explore national online connections instead. For the latest information, please visit <https://cuc.ca/annual-general-meeting-conference/>.

SAVE THE DATE! A Farewell Soiree for Steven Epperson will take place at UCV the evening of Saturday June 20th. Mark your calendar!

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERS OF HELP: We have some volunteers at the church who are itching to be of service to anyone who might need it these days. Shopping? Gardening? Prescription pick up? A friendly phone call? Don't be shy. Don't be foolhardy. Have compassion for yourself if you're in want or need. Reach out. Someone will be there for you. Call or email Connie Wigmore (604-879- 6243 / cwigmore1@shaw.ca) or Patti Turner (604 879 6243 / pgaleturner@gmail.com)

IN THE MIDST OF ALL THE ADVICE ON HOW TO STAY HEALTHY, the voice of religion can sound a bit odd. Here's its answer: "In times of trouble, be extra sure to keep the Sabbath." In other words, "Be sure to set aside time and a space for worship, rest and connection." We want to help families carve out "sabbath space" in their homes and weekly schedules. We want to honor ancient spiritual wisdom that says worship, rest and connection are a must, not "extras" to be fit as we can. Especially during trying times.

If you would like to receive Unitarian resources and ideas on building your own home altar or home worship with encouragement on keeping your Sabbath and family connections, fill out this [short form](#) to be put on the mail-out list. Thank you all, and may we find peace.

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.

WEEKLY EMAIL WITH ORDER OF SERVICE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: The weekly email now gets sent out through Breeze, our new database system. You can sign up here: <https://vancouver.breezechms.com/form/thisweekemail> or go to <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/newsletter>

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: April 19, 2020

Finding My Spiritual Path (2)

Karl Perrin & The UCV Environment Team

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

**SOUND & LIVESTREAM TECH
CARETAKER(S)**

Galen Elfert, Christian Malcolm
Vivian Davidson



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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