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Rev. Steven Epperson

*[Live streamed](#) from the UCV Sanctuary – **May 10, 2020***



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The Flower Communion is a central rite for Unitarians around the world. Here at UCV, we celebrate it along with Mother's Day—a time to welcome how our contributions to mentoring/parenting/mothering enable our children and young people to grow up and flourish as adults. In preparation for this year's livestreamed service, be sure to bring a flower or blossoms from bush or tree into your home/apartment to share on-line with our congregation. We'll let you know as the service proceeds how we can all participate in this beautiful ritual of community and the season of Spring.

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

Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 9:30am PDT

Cross-Canada Sunday Service!

Join UUs from across Canada for a unique opportunity to celebrate in a national Sunday Service together. Rev. Norm Horofker from the Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax, with his ministerial colleagues, will lead a worship service for Canadians across the country and worldwide. Let's come together virtually to celebrate our national connection and our national conference. Join us on Zoom or watch on the CUC's YouTube channel. We welcome you, wherever you are!

Join us online at: <https://bit.ly/UUSundayService>

Please note the earlier start time of 9:30am for those of us on the West Coast!

Parents, Children, and Youth

We have weekly [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) Email Kiersten for the password or to be on our family update list: dre@vancouverunitarians.ca



After the service there is a **Families breakout room during coffee-hour** for kids and parents to see and talk with each other. ucv.im/coffee-hour at Noon Sunday, type “family chat” into the chat when you join the meeting; or join any other conversation group!

Children’s RE drop-in: Sundays 10:20—10:50 am ucv.im/kids-zoom

Mairy and Nan host children’s time before the Sunday service live-stream. See each other, share a story and a simple activity or craft that we can do together at home. (target age is 5-9)

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

High School Youth 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 11:30—12:15 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 would like resources for Unitarian centered family time and activities to do with your children let me know using this form: <https://vancouver.breezechms.com/form/Sabbath-at-Home>

Celebration of Worship: May 10, 2020

Prelude *Follow the Heron* By Karine Polwart
All music today performed by JESTrio*

Opening Words/Announcements/Greeting Our Neighbours Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame Rev. Steven Epperson

Opening Hymn #38: *Morning has Broken*

Story for All Ages Told by 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.* *Go Girl, Go* By Jane Slemon

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 Rev. Steven Epperson

Musical Response *Garden Song* By Hagen Mitchel

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SE: In the name of that which plants in the seed the future of the flower and in our hearts the longing for people to live in harmony

Congregation: *In the name of the sages, the wise and noble women and men who lived their lives in order to hasten the coming of justice and peace – let us renew our resolution, sincerely, to be brothers, sisters, siblings and all.*

SE: In this our holy resolve, may we be strengthened in the spirit of affection and fellowship so that...

All: *TOGETHER, may we endeavour to achieve a more just and joyful life.*

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*

Postlude

River, Mother Nature and Me

By Jenny Lester

**JEStrio is Jane Slemon, Ellen van der Hoeven, and Susan Larkin. Braided voices backed by a tapestry of instruments and more than the sum of its parts, the members of this musical friendship can't help but get themselves mixed up with one another.*

A LIVING LIST OF ESSENTIAL LINKS: The following is a condensed list of 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.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: It has come to our attention that someone is using fake gmail accounts that appear to be sent from Steven (and possibly other ministers or administrators) to send emails directly to congregants. These emails are likely to appear in your inbox and are difficult to distinguish from our regular accounts.

These emails are asking people to send money, usually in the form of Amazon gift cards and typically contain a story about being needed for vulnerable people. **DO NOT** send money. **DO NOT** purchase Amazon gift cards. These are fake email addresses; Steven, staff or board members will never ask you to send money or amazon gift cards to them personally over email. We have specific fundraising drives and special protocols for donations.

If you are ever confused or suspicious about a request for funds, you can always ask if it's possible for you to speak with our staff over the phone. A scam artist pretending to be someone you know will not agree to a phone call, whereas church staff will always be happy to discuss fundraising with you or over the phone or face to face on zoom.

If you receive any suspicious emails, please report them to our office so we can track these attempts. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out. In the meantime, the UCV Board has hired a cyber security expert to help upgrade our systems.

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.

THE JUNE 14 EGM has been postponed to the fall. Instead, on June 14 at 12:30 pm, the UCV Board of Trustees will host a zoom information forum on the proposed budget for next year which the members will ratify (or not) in the fall. The Board will also be discussing possible next steps in the redevelopment process which would involve engaging Canada Land Trust in conversation as our possible new partners.

THE 2ND SUNDAY BOOK GROUP will be meeting via Zoom today to discuss *When The Body Says No: the Cost of Hidden Stress* by Gabor Mate, MD. This well-known, engaging book draws a link between biological disease and its emotional and environmental pre-determinants backed by scientific research, personal experience and anecdotal evidence. The meeting will be led by Rhea Kikkert and technologically assisted by Rob Dainow. All are welcome. Please contact Rob Dainow if you wish to join the discussion (rdainow@gmail.com).

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR: Every Sunday, 12 – 1 pm. Watch our Sunday service and then join us for coffee. Visitors, members and friends are welcome! Visit <https://ucv.im/coffee-hour> to join! Password needed. contact ucvconnect@gmail.com in advance.

NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS TUESDAY NIGHT ZOOM CHAT: Once a month on the first Tuesday at 7:30 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/community/neighbourhood-groups/>

ALL-AGES BOOK AND VIDEO SHARING VIA ZOOM: Every Tuesday at 4 pm. Paula and Mary invite you to share what you're reading and watching via Zoom. For more information, visit: <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/all-ages-book-group/>

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.

ZOOM PRACTICE: Every Thursday at 2 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://vancouverunitarians.ca/zoom-practice/> for details. Contact Mary Bennett if you need password: ucvconnect@gmail.com

UCV'S FOURTH COMPASSION CIRCLE – 2020: Do you want to communicate with more compassion and connection? Join UCV's Fourth Compassion Circle (practicing Compassionate Communication, CC) using the Compassion Course Online 2020 by Thom Bond, (receiving 52 weekly emails covering CC concepts we then practice in the Circle). Registration is required to the online course by May 31, 2020; <https://www.compassioncourse.org/> The 2020 Circle's 1st session will be an introduction by Zoom in June, date TBA. Please contact Cindy Cashin at cindy_returns@yahoo.com to sign up or for more info.

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

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.

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OOF COMMITTEE decided to send a cheque for \$2,000 to the current recipient, the Aboriginal Mother Centre (AMC), in mid-April rather than wait until the end of the collection period at the end of May. The funds are urgently needed to assist AMC extend its outreach services during this covid-19 crisis. In view of there still being funds in the OOF account, the Committee decided to send another \$2,000 to PHS Community Services Society to help them meet the demand for more meals in the DTES as a significant number of kitchens have closed down because of covid-19 restrictions. Meanwhile, we will continue to ask congregants to send in their donations to OOF to replenish our fund. A new recipient will be selected for the four-month period beginning in June. All contributions are gratefully received.

UCV CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT PLAN NOW AVAILABLE: The final business plan report and letter of transmittal to the board from the planning committee has been posted on the UCV website: <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/blog/redevelopment>. The report will also be a topic at the virtual board forum on June 14th along with the 2020-21 budget for information. Information: Gordon Gram (gordongram@me.com) and Michael Clague (mclague@telus.net)

THE BOARD HAS ACTIVATED THE UCV SERVICE FUNDS to assist members, friends and staff of UCV who are in need of financial support. If you are in need or you know someone who is, please contact Steven, rev@vancouverunitarians.ca, 604-261-7206 or Patti Turner, pgaleturner@gmail.com, 604 889-3053. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please contact Aurora, ca@vancouverunitarians.ca, 604-261-7204, or John Taylor, johntaylor@shaw.ca, 604-731-9393.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! For services to continue to be virtual, we need to train some more members to learn how to produce and broadcast Sunday services and support our current incredible, overworked team. Anyone interested in helping with technology, send your details here: <https://ucv.im/offer-help>

BEACON UNITARIAN CHURCH MEMBER looking for a 1 or 2-bedroom rental in Metro or Greater Vancouver. Desire a safe, quiet, neighborly area, relatively close to shopping and transit. Extremely reliable and responsible renter with references. Non-smoker, own a car, no pets. I have been living in North Surrey for the past 1.5 year; must move because owners are selling. peggy.hinkley@gmail.com

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: May 17, 2020 **Cross-Canada Sunday Service**

*** See the inside cover (page 2 of this PDF) for details – and please note the earlier start time of 9:30am!***

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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