



## **Working With Refugees: Transforming Their Lives, Transforming Our Lives**

*Paul Prescod & The Refugee Committee*

*Live streamed from the UCV Sanctuary – May 24, 2020*



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Many of the world's problems are big and amorphous. In contrast, refugee work gives us the chance to help people transform their lives. At this service, you will hear some of their stories, learn how they are enriching Canada and learn how you can help make the world a better place, even in the midst of these trying times.

**Live stream link: <https://ucv.im/live>**

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**Ask Me (Almost) Anything with Rev. Steven Epperson**

*And now, for something completely different!* Rev. Epperson's nineteen-year ministry with UCV is drawing nearly to an end. In this worship service, he will answer (almost) any question you'd like to pose to him. Questions could range from theology to thoughts about Canada, his ministry at UCV and the future of our congregation to matters of a more personal nature. You can send in your questions in advance to [rev@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:rev@vancouverunitarians.ca) or relay them directly at the time of the service to our volunteer tech crew. Who knows what we'll hear as Steven prepares to wrap things up at 49<sup>th</sup> and Oak?

# 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](mailto: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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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—12:30 am** [ucv.im/coffee-break](https://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 24, 2020

**Prelude** *Mazurka 18, 19* Chopin\*  
E. Dainow, piano

**Opening Words** Julia Myers

**Greeting Our Neighbours**

**Kindling the Chalice Flame**

**Opening Hymn** #188: *Come, Come, Wherever You Are*

**Story for All Ages** *From Far Away* Read by Cohen Prescod

**Announcements**

**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](mailto:rev@vancouverunitarians.ca)). We'll collect them in the office and share them with you as appropriate.*

**Meditation – Spoken, then Silent** *Home* by Warsan Shire  
Read by Noella Prescod

**Musical Response** *Cousins* Written & performed by Ellen van der Hoeven

## Working with and Listening to Refugees

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**Offering:** *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.* *This Land is Your Land - Now!* Trad.  
Performed with new lyrics by E. Dainow

We continue to support the work of this congregation and our outreach opportunities recipient 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.

**Closing Hymn** #318: *We Would be One*

**Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame**

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

\* Chopin left his homeland on the brink of a revolution and spent the rest of his life in Paris.

**A LIVING LIST OF ESSENTIAL LINKS:** The following is a condensed list of UCV community links:

- <https://ucv.im/live>: Live stream 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 at 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](mailto:findmariewitt@gmail.com).*

**THE EGM IN JUNE** has been postponed to the fall, but Sunday June 14 at 12:30 there will be a UCV Board Forum with reports from the Budget and Finance Committee, the Interim Ministry Committee, the Redevelopment Committee, and the Financial Sustainability Task Force. All presentations will be followed by a Q and A. Please come and participate. Zoom details TBA.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO CONNECT AND ENGAGE THROUGH ZOOM.** All the gatherings listed at [vancouverunitarians.ca/zoom-gatherings](https://vancouverunitarians.ca/zoom-gatherings) are coordinated by the Connect and Engage team and open to all members, friends and visitors. Mary Bennett [ucvconnect@gmail.com](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com):

- Virtual coffee hour; Sundays at 12 pm: <https://ucv.im/coffee-hour>
- Online theatre sharing; Mondays at 4 pm: <https://ucv.im/book-poem>
- Neighbourhood group connections; 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays at 7:30 pm: <https://ucv.im/neighbourhoods>
- Zoom practice sessions; Thursdays at 2 pm: <https://www.ucv.im/zoom-practice>
- GSA monthly film discussion; 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays at 7:15 pm: <https://www.ucv.im/gsa>
- Zoom hosting practice; on request

**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.

**POTLUCK BOOK AND LUNCH CLUB ON ZOOM.** Last Thursday of May, coming right up! May 28, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Make your lunch. Bring a couple of good books to recommend. We’ll chat. We’ll eat. We’ll stay connected. Drop-ins more than welcome. We’ll send you an invitation if you’re on our list. If not, let us know if you’d like to come. General Questions: Nan Gregory [nangregory@shaw.ca](mailto:nangregory@shaw.ca)

**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 1<sup>st</sup> session will be an introduction by Zoom in June, date TBA. Please contact Cindy Cashin at [cindy\\_returns@yahoo.com](mailto:cindy_returns@yahoo.com) to sign up or for more info.

## **UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONGREGATIONAL TRIBUTE FOR STEVEN:** Board President Diane Brown is inviting everyone to email her a brief written contribution for a Congregational Tribute that will be given to Steven Epperson, after his last sermon. Also please email her one photo of Steven if you have one.

We cannot all gather together at this time, but we can all honour our beloved Steven with our own words and sentiments as he leaves the Sanctuary for the last time on June 21st. A formal large gathering celebrating his incredible tenure at UCV will take place sometime in the future. Please submit your tribute online at <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/tribute/>.

**UCV CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT PLANNING UPDATE:** The board has authorized the planning committee to meet with the Community Land Trust to discuss a potential partnership to complete the business plan and to bring a recommendation on redevelopment to the membership. Approval to proceed to redevelopment will require 75% support. This next phase of the work is to be done at no cost to UCV. The June 14 board forum will include an update on the current business plan along with reports on ministerial search and the new budget.

Gordon Gram ([gordongram@me.com](mailto:gordongram@me.com)) Michael Clague ([mclague@telus.net](mailto:mclague@telus.net)). Information about the current business plan is available on the UCV Website.

**THE OOF COMMITTEE** decided to send a cheque for \$2,000 to the current recipient, the Aboriginal Mothers 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.

**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](mailto:rev@vancouverunitarians.ca), 604-261-7206 or Patti Turner, [pgaleturner@gmail.com](mailto:pgaleturner@gmail.com), 604 889-3053. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please contact Aurora, [ca@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:ca@vancouverunitarians.ca), 604-261-7204, or John Taylor, [johntaylor@shaw.ca](mailto:johntaylor@shaw.ca), 604-731-9393.

**THE UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER** has just joined an alliance of nearly 240 organizations that have come together to develop key principles for a “Just Recovery for All” from the COVID-19 pandemic. As governments begin to make plans for recovery, organizations are joining together to send a message that we cannot return to the old “normal”. Now is the time to imagine a better future.

The principles below were informed by a month of consultations with over 200 groups and individuals across Canada:

- Put People’s Health and Wellbeing First, No Exceptions
- Strengthen The Social Safety Net And Provide Relief Directly To People
- Prioritize the Needs of Workers and Communities
- Build Resilience to Prevent Future Crises
- Build Solidarity and Equity Across Communities, Generations and Borders
- Uphold Indigenous Rights And Work In Partnership With Indigenous Peoples

You can see the full text and sign on to the principles here: <https://forms.gle/TYrkQtzVkGcYETVb8>

**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](mailto:peggy.hinkley@gmail.com)

*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: May 31, 2020**

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**THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:**

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

Galen Elfert, Christian Malcolm  
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

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