



*“Fathers’ Day Off”, by Christoph Neimann*

## Farewell

*Rev. Steven Epperson*

[Live streamed](#) from the UCV Sanctuary – **June 21, 2020**



# Sunday, June 21, 2020

## **Farewell - Rev. Steven Epperson**

*My nineteen-year ministry with this congregation is coming to an end. It's been an honour to have served with you; it's been "good work." We'll take leave of one another in a worship service of celebration through music, some reminiscing, and a look ahead.*

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

### **5 Things You Need to Know About Steven's Last Service on June 21!**

**Because we all want to cheer for Steven on his last day, and see him in person, please read these five points:**

1. Hewett Centre is not available for use in June. The campus is closed until July 1 when we post our safety plan and have protocols ready and in place. So the idea of people watching Steven's last service there is not doable.
2. You can socially distance yourselves outside if you wish and watch the service from your phones to be able to say good-bye to Steven from afar but in person afterward, but there will be no way of knowing whether or not the wifi can accommodate people and the live streamed service at the same time. So you will be taking a chance of missing the service unless you have a data plan.
3. The sanctuary will not be open to anyone except those directly involved in the service.
4. Some people have decided they will be socially distancing in the parking lot in cars, watching the service from their phones so that after the service they can cheer for Steven as he leaves the Sanctuary. Same risk here regarding wifi.
5. If a lot of people show up and are not in cars, they need to socially distance from each other; may we suggest forming a circle around the campus if there are a lot of people. Steven could then walk around the circle and say goodbye in person and at a distance.

It is impossible to know how many people may show up on June 21, if any, so this clarity is important. If you do decide to come to the campus, please exercise common sense and safety.

There will be some kind of celebration down the road and in person with Steven.

Thank you and stay well,  
Diane.

**The UCV campus will remain closed for all of June. For ongoing weekly updates on how UCV is responding to the COVID-19 situation, please visit [www.ucv.im/covid](http://www.ucv.im/covid)**

# 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: June 21, 2020

**Prelude** *Let Union Be* Mark Jardine / arr. E. Dainow  
Performed by Choir leads

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

**Kindling the Chalice Flame** Rev. Steven Epperson

**Opening Hymn** *#1010: We Give Thanks*

**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](mailto: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.* *Four Strong Winds* Ian Tyson/ arr. Larry Nickel  
New lyrics: E. Dainow  
Performed 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.

**Meditation – Spoken, then Silent** Rev. Steven Epperson

**Musical Response** *Intermezzo op. 118 #2* Brahms  
E. Dainow, piano

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**Closing Hymn** *#297: The Star of Truth*

**Presentation by the UCV Board President** Diane Brown

**Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame** Rev. Steven Epperson

**Valediction** *Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again*  
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**Postlude** *The Road Home* Stephen Paulus  
Performed by members of the Chalice Choir  
(Many thanks to Beth Breisnes for making this video)

**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/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).*

**ZOOM GATHERINGS FROM CONNECT & ENGAGE:** All the gatherings listed at [vancouverunitarians.ca/zoom-gatherings](http://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 7:15 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

**POTLUCK BOOK AND LUNCH CLUB ON ZOOM.** Last Thursday of June, coming right up! June 25th, 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).

**NEW TECH WORKSHOPS** with Luke Zukowski and Janni Kretlow. Saturdays, 3 – 4 pm. Sign in at: [ucv.im/tech-workshop](https://ucv.im/tech-workshop) on Zoom.

- June 27: Slack for UCV RE and Connect and Engage volunteers

Must RSVP here: <https://vancouver.breezechms.com/form/breezeleaders> or send email to [ucvconnect@gmail.com](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com). The WhatsApp workshop has been recorded. UCV members can receive the link to watch by contacting [ucvconnect@gmail.com](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com). Coordinated by Connect and Engage team

## UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**UCV COMMUNITY LINKS AND A VIRTUAL LITERATURE STALL IS** the title of a post that shows you how you can still have a copy of the prepared text for a sermon if the speaker has provided one. The post is dated June 9, and the link <https://ucv.im/2020-06-09ga> takes you to it. —George Atherton

**YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S RE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Caring, curious, interested adult facilitators are needed for children and youth groups. Help children create friendships, explore big questions, engage in social justice, be seen and heard, grow spiritually, and be nurtured. This could be you! Info [here](#) and in the newsletter: [ucv.im/newsletter](http://ucv.im/newsletter) [Sign up with our Breeze form.](#)

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND:** Our OOF recipient (June-Sept 2020), is the Burns Bog Conservation Foundation, which was set up in 2002 as an endowment fund for the Burns Bog Conservation Society. Burns Bog is a globally unique ecosystem functioning as a major regulator of regional climate and as the “the Lungs of the Lower Mainland”. Endowment funds are also to be used for research relating to peatlands/wetlands and the development of an Education Centre.

**DID YOU JOIN UCV WITHIN THE PAST FIVE YEARS?** You will have received an email inviting you to chat with your Connect & Engage team by phone, email or zoom. If you have any suggestions on how we can help you get connected during these challenging times, please feel free to contact C&E Chair Mary Bennett [ucvconnect@gmail.com](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com)

*There is a new monthly e-bulletin! If you've signed up for our newsletters previously, you will automatically receive the new e-bulletin, but if not please go to [vancouverunitarians.ca/e-bulletin/](http://vancouverunitarians.ca/e-bulletin/) to sign up or visit [ucv.im/newsletter](http://ucv.im/newsletter) to see the latest copy.*

**Next Sunday Service: June 28, 2020**

**The Grace of Imperfection**

**Kiersten Moore**

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

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

Galen Elfert, Christian Malcolm  
Paul Nash

# A Sunday Order of Service Sampler



**1<sup>st</sup> Row:** Honour before Glory: Canada's Black Battalion, February 7, 2016; What We Wish People Knew About Unitarianism, January 27, 2019; **2<sup>nd</sup> Row:** In Memoriam, multiple years; Dark Money: Epiphany and the Hidden Trillions, January 8, 2017; **3<sup>rd</sup> Row:** Celebrating Our Story, September 15, 2019



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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