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One Storm – Many Boats *A Cross-Canada Sunday Service*

[Live streamed](#) from Halifax, Toronto, Winnipeg, Saskatoon and beyond!

9:30am PDT May 17, 2020



Sunday, May 17, 2020

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

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.

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

Alternatively, you may also use these links as backup:

- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ25IMWQwrxSnry11bdBS-g>
(CUC YouTube Channel)
- <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwkceCorT0vGd0HzNqEY6MEDuGjZsidEZXk>
(CUC Zoom meeting - please note that a short registration is required if using this link so please give yourself extra time)

Cross-Canada Service leaders (L-R):



Rev. Norm Horofker, Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax

Rev. Wayne Walder, Neighbourhood Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Rev. Meghann Robern, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Winnipeg

Rev. Karen Fraser Gitlitz, Saskatoon Unitarians

After the service, you will be able to join a trans-national virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom at <http://ucv.im/canada-coffee-hour>. There will also be a UCV coffee hour immediately following the end of the CUC event with usual hosts and breakout rooms, accessible via <http://ucv.im/coffee-hour>.

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>

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.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

COVID-19 UPDATE AS OF MAY 12, 2020: In response to queries about allowing small groups of UCV members to meet in person on campus, the UCV Emergency Team is currently developing a policy that adheres to Provincial guidelines regarding small gatherings, and a specific plan for the UCV campus. Please stay tuned and check ucv.im/covid for weekly updates.

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.

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.

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.

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SPACE FOR RENT ON THE UCV CAMPUS: If you are aware of any organizations looking to lease an office/workspace, we have configurations of spaces ranging from approx. 500 – 2200 square feet available in the lower level of the Hewett Centre for new tenants. For more information, please contact Aurora at ca@vancouverunitarians.ca.

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 has sent 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)

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.

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>

A BEACON UNITARIAN CHURCH MEMBER is 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

LOOKING FOR ONE NIGHT'S ACCOMMODATION: Hello, my name is Heather Gatland and my partner Barbara Huhn and I need accommodation in Vancouver for appointments on Sept. 2nd and 3rd at the UBC medical center for MS consultations. I was a member at Vancouver Unitarian a decade or two back. I wonder if one of your congregation members could fill the bill for us to stay one night. We are willing to pay a modest amount, but not a hotel fee. It would be an opportunity to connect with a larger circle. Please contact me at 1-250-702-8667 or klezmergal@gmail.com if you are able to help. Thank you!

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Next Sunday Service: May 24, 2020

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

Paul Prescod & The Refugee Committee

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

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

Galen Elfert, Christian Malcolm
Sam Shenher



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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