



Created by Donna Hamilton for the UUA General Assembly in 1995, this fabric art piece is currently on loan to UCV, where it hangs above the Sanctuary stage.

Diverse Beliefs, Shared Values

Leslie Hill

[Live streamed](#) from the UCV Sanctuary – July 5, 2020



Sunday, July 5, 2020

Diverse Beliefs, Shared Values – Leslie Hill

Our church is full of refugees from other faiths, Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Agnostic, Buddhist, Pagan. Steven Epperson is a former Mormon. What draws people to Unitarianism? Leslie Hill describes her lifelong journey from two Protestant religions through New Age Spirituality to the Unitarian Church of Vancouver.

Leslie Hill taught high school in Toronto for twenty-five years before moving to Scotland. When she returned after a stay of nearly six years, she landed in Vancouver. Her memoir, *Dressed for Dancing: My Sojourn in the Findhorn Foundation* is in our library. Currently she's a first term member of the Board of Trustees and she recently chaired the Interim Ministry Committee.

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

The UCV campus will begin to open for limited, pre-scheduled use in July and August. Please read our Go--Slowly-Forward Plan to learn more:

www.ucv.im/covid



Parents, Children, and Youth

It is summertime! We are continuing to have regular meeting times for tweens and youth and hosting a kid's connection space during Sunday morning coffee hour. Please contact Director of Religious Exploration, Kiersten Moore, to be notified about in-person outdoor meetups: dre@vancouverunitarians.ca



Holding connection space for kids and youth requires adult support!

Please visit the website to learn how you can be an adult member of our Family Ministry team. There are both large and small roles to fill: <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/cyre-volunteer/>
Fill out the form to “line up outside Kiersten’s door”: ucv.im/RE-volunteer

Online Summer Connection Spaces

Coffee Hour Breakout rooms: Sundays 12:00—1:00 pm ucv.im/coffee-hour
depending on who shows up there are “family chat” and “kid’s space” breakout rooms to see friends, check-in and play games. Or join any other conversation group!

Children’s drop-in: This Sunday 10:20—10:50 am ucv.im/kids-zoom
Mairy is hosting our last before the service children’s time this Sunday. 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 10:30—11:45 am ucv.im/tween-zoom
Crossing Paths Tweens (ages 10-12) continues through August! Check-in with each other, continue our explorations of World Religions—Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster, Sikhism, Paganism, 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.

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: July 5, 2020

Prelude *Bethena – A Concert Waltz* by Scott Joplin (1867-1917)*
Eric Wyness, Piano

Opening Words & Greeting Your Neighbours Tara Bonham

Kindling the Chalice Flame Leslie Hill

Opening Hymn #108: *My Life Flows On*

Story for All Ages *Storm Boy* by Paul Owen Lewis
Read by Tara Bonham

Announcements/Celebrations and Concerns Leslie Hill

*We are working on an online form for quick and easy submissions of celebrations and concerns (that will be accessible by service leaders and liaisons). In the meantime, if you have a special celebration or concern to share for this week, please email **Tara Bonham** (kristinekstromer@gmail.com).*

Offering: *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.* *Sonata in D Minor, Kk. 9* Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757)*
Eric Wyness, Piano

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, Sung, then Silent *Wild Geese* by Mary Oliver
Read by Leslie Hill

Musical Response *Susi (1937)* Erwin Schulhoff (1894 – 1942)*
Eric Wyness, Piano

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Closing Hymn #295: *Sing Out Praises for the Journey*

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame Leslie Hill

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

* Each of these composers had a journey, a transformational journey that echoes the theme of Leslie Hill's homily; **Domenico Scarlatti** left his native Naples, and the shadow of his father's fame, and found his own artistic voice in Lisbon then Spain. **Scott Joplin** was born in obscurity, poverty and the injustice of racism to become the greatest American composer of his time. **Erwin Schulhoff** took his classical training and married it to the spirit of the Jazz Age - to a degree perhaps even more successful than Gershwin. Sadly, he died in a Nazi camp, his music almost forgotten." – Eric Wyness

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/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.

ZOOM GATHERINGS FROM CONNECT & ENGAGE: All the gatherings listed at 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:

- Virtual coffee hour; Sundays at 12 pm: <https://ucv.im/coffee-hour>
- Online theatre sharing; last Mondays at 4 pm: <https://ucv.im/book-poem>
- Neighbourhood group connections; 1st 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; this Thursday, July 2 – meet at 7:30pm on Zoom for an 8 pm Netflix party (watching Douglas by Hannah Gadsby): <https://www.ucv.im/gsa>
- Zoom hosting practice; on request

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

[Sign up with our Breeze form.](#)

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

MESSAGE FROM UCV BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

COMMITTEE: Would you like to donate a bench to UCV to commemorate or honour a person or event (or just to beautify our church grounds)? As it stands, an order of five new benches with bronze plaques will be submitted the second week in July. To inquire about adding another bench to this order, please get in touch with Catherine Stewart (stewartcm@shaw.ca) by July 5. It won't be long before we will have all our worn and decaying benches replaced!



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.

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/ to sign up or visit ucv.im/newsletter to see the latest copy.

Next Sunday Service: July 11, 2020

Settler Colonialism, Indigenous People, and Unitarianism

Cole Harris

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

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

Galen Elfert, Christian Malcolm
Paul Nash

Message from Rev. Lara Cowtan, Incoming Interim Minister

Greetings Unitarian Church of Vancouver! I am Reverend Lara Cowtan, and I am delighted and honored to have been hired as your interim minister, to serve you for a two-year transition period. I just wanted to reach out and say hello to you from Winnipeg, where I am currently serving as a hospital chaplain. This has been a year of transition for me as well, as I've moved back to Canada after living in Europe since 2005.

Soon I will set out West, over the prairies and across the mountains to join you in Vancouver. I am excited and looking forward to meeting all of you, to being a part of your thriving and welcoming community, and to working with you as we learn and grow together.



These are challenging and complicated times, and it helps to have something to look forward to. This transitional ministry time is an exciting opportunity for the congregation to engage in reflecting on where you have come from, all you've accomplished, then envisioning and reaching towards the future. It is a time of infinite possibilities, and I can't wait to explore them with you.

I'll arrive at the end of July and begin in August with meetings to get to know you and prepare for the start of our first year together.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy summer.

Blessings.

Warmly,

Rev. Lara Cowtan



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.

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