



*Young Pines and Sky, Emily Carr*

## **Settler Colonialism, Indigenous People, and Unitarianism**

*Cole Harris*

[Live streamed](#) from the UCV Sanctuary – **July 12, 2020**



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Settlers colonized a tiny fraction Canadian space. Elsewhere the thin population in a vast land remained largely Indigenous, though subject to outside pressures and greatly changed. Now these Indigenous people are speaking back to settler Canada as never before. Basically, they speak of a relationship with the land — with nature — and their speaking and contemporary Unitarianism have much to say to each other.

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](http://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](mailto: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](https://ucv.im/RE-volunteer)

## Online Summer Connection Spaces

**Coffee Hour Breakout rooms: Sundays 12:00—1:00 pm** [ucv.im/coffee-hour](https://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!

**Crossing Paths RE: Mondays 10:30—11:45 am** [ucv.im/tween-zoom](https://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](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.

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 12, 2020

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Cathedral Grove</i>	by J. Kvarnstrom <a href="#">Elliott Dainow, Piano</a>
<b>Opening Words &amp; Greeting Your Neighbours</b>		Laureen Stokes
<b>Kindling the Chalice Flame</b>		Laureen Stokes
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<i>#21: For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	
<b>Story for All Ages</b>		<i>Extra Yarn</i> by Mac Barnett Read by Laureen Stokes
<b>Offering:</b> <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>The Field Behind the Plow</i>	By Stan Rogers arr. Ron Smail & E. Dainow <a href="#">Elliott Dainow, Piano</a>

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.

**Announcements/Celebrations and Concerns** Laureen Stokes

*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 **Laureen Stokes** ([Laureen\\_stokes@hotmail.com](mailto:Laureen_stokes@hotmail.com)).*

**Community Candle Lighting** Laureen Stokes

**Meditation** Laureen Stokes

**Musical Response** *Ambe\** Cory Campbell / arr. Andrew Balfour  
[Edmonton Youth Choir](#) (John Wiebe, Conductor)

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**Closing Hymn** *#163: For the Earth Forever Turning*

**Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame** Laureen Stokes

**Valediction** *Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again (x2)*

\* Translation from Ojibway: Come in, come in 2-legged beings, Come in all people. There is good life here. Come in.

**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](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; last 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; Thursday, August 6 – informal check-in at 7:30pm on Zoom followed by an 8 pm Netflix party (watching *The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson*): <https://www.ucv.im/gsa>

## 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](http://ucv.im/newsletter)  
[Sign up with our Breeze form.](#)

**ON JUNE 21ST, STEVEN DELIVERED HIS FINAL SERMON AT UCV** and we presented him with this tribute booklet. You can read and download tribute booklet and watch a short video below with clips of his final service here: <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/steven-tribute-booklet-and-final-service-video/>

**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](mailto: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/](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: July 19, 2020**

**The Road Ahead**

**Leslie Hill & The Search Committee**

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

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

Galen Elfert, Christian Malcolm  
Sam Shenher

## 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.*

## MINISTER AND STAFF

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