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## **A Matter of Perspective**

*Rev. Samaya Oakley*

[Live streamed](#) from the UCV Sanctuary – **August 30, 2020**



**Sunday, August 30, 2020**

**A Matter of Perspective**

Rev. Samaya Oakley

The late eco-feminist theologian, Sally McFague, often told her students to be careful how you see the world, for it is that way. We hope that you'll join us for an exploration of how our perspective informs and shapes our worldview, and why it's important to be aware of how it does that. Rev. Oakley currently serves as the Minister for the South Fraser Unitarian Congregation.

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

**The UCV campus is 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](https://ucv.im/coffee)

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!

**Craft Squared: Thursdays 7:00—8:30 pm** [ucv.im/craft2](https://ucv.im/craft2)

Kids, tweens, youth: Minecraft + hands-on craft = Craft2 (squared). Come one and all to play on the UCV Youth Minecraft server and chat via zoom while Olivia leads a craft that can be accomplished with things around the house and imagination. So far we’ve created stories, art, photographs, maps, what will be next?

**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: August 30, 2020

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Elite Syncopations</i>	Scott Joplin, c.1867-1917 Eric Wyness, Piano
<b>Opening Words &amp; Announcements</b>		Geoff Gomery
<b>Kindling the Chalice Flame</b>		Rev. Samaya Oakley
<b>Opening Hymn #318</b>	<i>We Would Be One</i>	Recording
<b>Story for All Ages</b>	<i>Sky Woman's Basket</i>	Told by Rev. Samaya Oakley
<b>Offering:</b> <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>The Harmonious Blacksmith Variations</i>	George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759 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.

**Community Candle Lighting** Laureen Stokes with Samaya Oakley

Do you have a joy or sorrow, celebration or concern you would like to share? Would you like us to light a candle on behalf of someone on Sunday morning? Please submit your request through [ucv.im/candles](http://ucv.im/candles) before Saturday at 1pm.

**Meditation – Spoken, then Silent** Samaya Oakley

**Musical Response** *Ebben, n'andro lontana* from *La Wally* by Alfredo Catalani, 1854-93  
Eric Wyness, Piano

**A Matter of Perspective, Part 1:** Samaya Oakley

**Video** *We Shall be Known*  
By the Thrive Choir

**A Matter of Perspective, Part 2:** Samaya Oakley

**Closing Hymn #1017** *Building a New Way* Recording

**Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame** Rev. Samaya Oakley

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

**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>: 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).*

### **SEPTEMBER 20 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

Please mark your calendars for the EGM to be held by zoom on 20 September at 12:30 to 2 pm. Agenda items include revised bylaws to permit electronic voting, the budget for 2020/21, information on planned upgrades to the sanctuary and reports from the COVID Emergency Team, and the Redevelopment task force. We will be creating history as this will be the first official electronic meeting. Information has been emailed to all members and is available on the website. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

**LABYRINTH WALK:** Mary Bennett and Catherine Hembling invite you to join them in a labyrinth walk with live music on Sunday at 12:30. Socially distanced, bring your own lunch and beverage. Masks recommended on labyrinth as you may come near others. Mary will lay out her new temporary labyrinth ("plarn" - crocheted plastic bag strips). RSVP needed to [labyrinth@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:labyrinth@vancouverunitarians.ca)

**RECURRING ZOOM GATHERINGS:** All the gatherings listed at [vancouverunitarians.ca/zoom-gatherings](https://vancouverunitarians.ca/zoom-gatherings).

- Virtual coffee hour; Sundays at 12 pm: <https://ucv.im/coffee>
- 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>

**THE UCV BOOK CLUB** will meet on September 13, 2020 at 12:30 on zoom to discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. This story describes a coming-of-age journey of a young woman, abandoned by her family and her community, who turns to the natural world for her solace. After the Sunday service, join the zoom coffee hour link provided in the OOS and ask for the book club breakout room.

## 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.](#)

**CLOSURE OF OAK STREET PARKING LOT ENTRANCE:** For safety reasons, the Oak Street entrance to the UCV Parking lot will be closed indefinitely, starting August 15th. The Fremlin Street entrance will be the only access to the parking lot.

**ON JUNE 21ST, STEVEN DELIVERED HIS FINAL SERMON AT UCV** and we presented him with this tribute booklet. We have discovered that the online version of the tribute booklet to Steven was not the draft that we printed- the printed draft included many more tributes. So, we have corrected the online version to reflect the one that was printed and given to Steven Epperson. It can be found here: <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/steven-tribute-booklet-and-final-service-video/> Apologies for any stress this may have created. If you still do not see your tribute, please send it directly to [communications@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:communications@vancouverunitarians.ca). Stay well – Diane Brown, Board President.

**CHANGES TO PAST SERVICES ON YOUTUBE:** Live streamed services will continue on YouTube, the same as the past few months. You can join us on Sunday mornings at <https://ucv.im/live> for our regular live service. Greetings will be removed from the service recording immediately following the stream to protect our privacy. This edited version of the entire service will be available publicly on YouTube for one week after the live stream. After one week, only the Homily will be available publicly. We are making the change to protect the privacy of our members and especially our children, and to minimize potential claims of copyright infringement. Join us live on Sunday mornings to greet each other!

**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

**INTERIM MINISTER: REV. LARA COWTAN:** Please welcome Rev. Lara Cowtan. Rev, Lara joins us in August and her first service in the pulpit will be the 2nd Sunday in September. Currently she is busy meeting groups and individuals via Zoom, Jitsi or in-person.

**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: September 6, 2020**

### **Gratitude and Creating Well-Being**

**Karl Perrin**

“A few years ago, I discovered that environmental activism can be taxing, but practicing gratitude keeps my spirits up. When I began to study gratitude I found that solid research supported a daily practice of gratitude for health and happiness. So I wanted to understand it better, for myself, and for you. In our pursuit of living better with less stuff, we can find many ways to intentionally feel well. Voluntary simplicity, generosity, community can all result from gratitude practice, which takes very little time and effort. What’s not to like?”

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

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**SOUND & LIVE STREAM TECH  
CARETAKER(S)**

Galen Elfert, Christian Malcolm  
Vivian Davidson



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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