



In-Gathering and Water Communion

Rev. Lara Cowtan

[Live streamed](#) from the UCV Sanctuary – **September 13, 2020**



Sunday, September 13, 2020

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UCV welcomes our Interim Minister, Rev. Lara Cowtan, as we gather together in this special Sunday worship and ritual. We will be reflecting on, and renewing, our shared bonds of community as we begin a new era following the retirement of Rev. Steven Epperson. It is a time of discovery, exploration, and opportunity for UCV to imagine, and move towards, its future.

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



September COVID-19 Updates

We have released our Fall 2020 Go-Slowly-Forward Plan. Notable changes include:

- We have increased rental capacity for the Hewett Centre (main hall area only) from 10 to 15 guests
- The Sanctuary is now available for rentals with a maximum of 25 guests and 5 staff – choir loft remains Staff Only
- Masks are now mandatory for all indoor activities
- All windows and doors **MUST** remain open during indoor activities
- Worship services will continue to be online, live streaming only

To read the full plan and policy, including booking procedures, please see the full [Go Slowly Forward Plan](#)

Please note: All gatherings must be booked ahead of time through Marcus Hynes by emailing info@vancouverunitarians.ca

Parents, Children, and Youth

How to continue feeling connected and renewed in this virtual pandemic time? The Children and Youth Religious Exploration team has programs and ideas in the works—The list below is all of our regular drop-in virtual connections with Zoom ongoing this Fall.

Please contact Director of Religious Exploration, Kiersten Moore, to be notified about in-person outdoor meetups and special programs: 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 Connection Spaces

Coffee Hour Breakout rooms: Sundays 12:00—1:00 pm ucv.im/coffee

Weekly “family chat” breakout room for kid-centered space led by member volunteers: see friends, check-in and play games. Or join any other conversation group!

Children’s activity and check-in: Sundays 10:20—10:50 am ucv.im/kids-zoom

Beginning September 13th, Nan and Mairy co-host this time specifically for children ages 5-9 (any age welcome). Activity or story ties in to our Soul Matters theme of the month. See each other, share a story and a simple activity or craft that we can do together at home.

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.

Youth Dungeons and Dragons: Wednesdays 7:00—9:00 pm ucv.im/youthDnD

Exactly what you might think; an ongoing D&D campaign led by one of our youth, supported by adult advisors who are also in on the campaign. Youth-centered, multi-gen, role-playing fun. Contact [Olivia Hall](#) for more information, new characters are welcome to join.

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: September 13, 2020

Prelude	<i>Woodsmoke and Oranges</i>	Ian Tamblyn Performed by JES (Jane Slemon, Ellen van der Hoeven, and Susan Larkin)
Invocation	<i>Come, Come, Whoever You Are</i>	Members of the Chalice Choir & friends
Opening Words & Announcements		Diane Brown
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Brendan and Kiersten Moore
Ritual and Welcome		Diane Brown & Rev. Lara Cowtan
Story for All Ages	<i>Higgins: A Drop with a Dream</i>	By Christopher Buice Read by Rev. Lara Cowtan
Song	<i>Drop in a Bucket</i>	Video by Mitch Barrett
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Swimming Song</i>	Loudon Wainwright III Performed by JES
<p>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.</p>		
Silent Meditation		
Musical Response	<i>Underground</i>	Arlo Guthrie Performed by JES
Water Communion and Reflection		Rev. Lara Cowtan
Closing Hymn	<i>Spirit of Life</i>	Members of the Chalice Choir
Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame		Rev. Lara Cowtan
Valediction	<i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again</i>	
Postlude	<i>Gentle Arms of Eden</i>	Dave Carter Performed by JES

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 at communications@vancouverunitarians.ca

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 (sign-in at 12 Noon!). Please register in advance at <https://ucv.im/egm>.

PLEASE NOTE:

- There is a maximum of 2 voting members (including proxy votes) allowed on a single device (computer, smartphone, tablet)
- We strongly encourage 1 voting member per device
- Each device will require a separate zoom link, so please register as individuals if you plan to use multiple devices

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. If you have questions about the documents that have been circulated, please come to the coffee hour after service this week. There will be a breakout room for these discussions

ZOOM PRACTICE FOR EGM: Two sessions are being held on September 17th at 12:00pm-1:00pm and 7:00pm-8:00pm for anyone who needs help registering for the EGM, and practicing using Zoom features to vote. Please join if you feel you need support before the Sept 20th EGM. Join the Zoom Meeting URL: <https://ucv.im/zoom-practice-egm>

THE UCV BOOK CLUB will meet today 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.

SOMETHING NEW AT UCV – ACTION EVENINGS: On Wednesday evenings from 7 – 8 pm via Zoom, we'll reflect together on significant issues of our times. Topics are curated and prepared in advance with videos, speakers, slideshows, and discussion points. This meeting offers a chance for shared learning, thoughtful dialogue, and the potential for collaboration for taking action.

Next session: *Changing From Food Charity to Food Dignity*. Guest speaker: Ian Marcuse, Food Network coordinator for the Grandview Woodland Food Connection. The GWFC offers a wide variety of community programming addressing food security and social justice issues. Log in to our Zoom room ucv.im/action-evenings early from 6:45pm on Wednesday evenings as we'll be starting right at 7. After 8, you are welcome to stay for a while to chat about the topic and exchange ideas for action. You are not required to have any prior knowledge of the topic.

RECURRING ZOOM GATHERINGS: All the gatherings listed at vancouverunitarians.ca/zoom-gatherings.

- Virtual coffee hour; Sundays at 12 pm: <https://ucv.im/coffee>
- Neighbourhood group connections; 1st Tuesdays at 7:30 pm: <https://ucv.im/neighbourhoods>
- Zoom practice sessions; Thursdays at 2 pm: <https://www.ucv.im/zoom>

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.](#)

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.

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!

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

Next Sunday Service: September 20, 2020

This is What We Do

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Renewing our commitment to the Unitarian Principles which call us to act for justice, equity, and environmental sustainability. Let us reaffirm together that the work of our faith is not just renewing our commitment to awareness, but renewing our commitment to being engaged in current issues and current debates.

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

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

Galen Elfert, Christian Malcolm
Paul Nash



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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