



Peanuts, by Charles Schulz

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Rev. Lara Cowtan

[Live streamed](#) from the UCV Sanctuary – **January 10, 2021**



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We go through life from our own point of view, all of the time.

“Nobody is more dangerous than he who imagines himself pure in heart, for his purity, by definition, is unassailable.” – James Baldwin

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



Winter COVID-19 Updates

Following the provincial health order on November 7, 2020, we have cancelled or postponed all social events on the UCV campus for the time being. For more information and ongoing updates on our COVID policies, please visit: <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/covid-19-update/>.

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 all-ages 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.

Tween’s Ukelele Social: Sundays 3:30 – 4:30 pm ucv.im/tween-zoom

Kids in grades 5-7 (ages 10-12), learn to play ukulele (instruments loaned from UCV), hang-out together with games and activities based on our monthly Soul Matters Theme. Drop in any Sunday and get a registration link.

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: January 10, 2021

Prelude	<i>Arabesque</i>	Debussy* Elliott Dainow, piano
Welcome		Rev. Lara Cowtan
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Lara Cowtan
Opening Words		Rev. Lara Cowtan
Opening Hymn	#396: <i>I Know This Rose Will Open</i>	Chalice Choir Leads
Story for All Ages	<i>Mira and the Big Story</i>	By Laura Alary, illustrated by Sue Todd Told by Kiersten Moore
Community Candle Lighting		Juliet Andrien
Meditation, Spoken and Silent		Rev. Lara Cowtan
Musical Response	<i>Closer to the Flame</i>	Members of the Chalice Choir
Homily Part I	<i>Oops, My Bad</i>	Rev. Lara Cowtan
Musical Response	#1012: <i>When I Am Frightened</i>	S. J. Denham Elliott Dainow, vocals and piano
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>		
<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 secure Breeze interface.</p>		
Homily Part II	Intellectual Humility	Rev. Lara Cowtan
Closing Hymn	#125: <i>From the Crush of Wealth & Power</i>	Chalice Choir Leads
Affirmation of Gratitude		Rev. Lara Cowtan
Announcements		Catherine Ponsford
Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame		Rev. Lara Cowtan
Valediction	<i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again</i> <i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again</i>	

* Debussy was a composer who had the imagination to create a brand new dreamlike world of music in spite of all the critics who could not let go of their firmly held beliefs about what (classical) music should be like. They eventually accepted him. – Elliott

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

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

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Don't miss the **Ideas Forum for the Upgraded Sanctuary**, a chance to generate ideas together for how the new space could be used and be more productive. This Ideas Forum will be on **Sunday Jan. 17th at 12:30 on zoom**. Galen Elfert and Dianne Crosbie will be on hand to answer any questions about the lighting/sound upgrades and the new chairs. Could we be a spiritual and cultural destination? Let's be pro-active and create a space that is inviting to various creative interests, ages and spiritual practices. Come with your ideas and let's *imagine* together! Sunday Jan. 17th at 12:30 on zoom. Link to come.

President Diane Brown is in the process of organizing a **Decolonizing Practices Workshop** for staff, board and interested members. If you are interested in participating in this one day workshop which will take place in early spring, please email her at president@vancouverunitarians.ca

THE SECOND SUNDAY BOOK GROUP will meet via zoom on Sunday, Jan 10th after the Sunday service to discuss *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout. A simple hospital visit becomes a portal to the tender relationship between mother and daughter in this extraordinary novel by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Olive Kitteridge*. "Everyone welcome."

UCV ONLINE HISTORY WALL: The Wall is building! What is your story? What brought you to UCV? What keeps you here? What is important to you? Go to padlet.com/vancouverunitarian/stories to add your reflections, pictures and videos. Questions, discussion? Come to the Coffee Hour UCV.im/coffee Breakout Room, after the service. Paul Prescod and other members of the Transition Team will be there.

SEWISTS, KNITTERS, MENDERS, CRAFTERS: The UCV mending hour is back on Zoom for the Winter! We are planning to meet twice per month (one daytime and one evening). We can show-and-tell what we're working on, dream up workshops that might be possible over zoom, watch tutorials, and generally share a social hour of craftyness to get us through the isolation. Everyone and all skill levels welcome. Dates and Zoom link: <https://ucv.im/mending>

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; 1st Tuesdays from 4 – 5 pm: <https://www.ucv.im/zoom>

UCV COMMUNITY ACCOUNCEMENTS

HOW WE ARE CHANGING THE WORLD: A victory for wild salmon!! The Trudeau government will phase out fish farms in the Discovery Islands by 2022. One down and 100+ to go.

On December 17, 2020, the UCV Wild Salmon Action Team (WSAT) celebrated the federal government's announcement of their decision to remove fish farms from the Discovery Islands channels, an area known to be a bottleneck area for migrating wild salmon and one of the worst places to put open-net pen salmon farms. The WSAT can claim a small part of that decision, perhaps by being an annoying sliver in the feet of the decision makers – the WSAT has been meeting and petitioning MPs and MLAs for months, and has added their [bodies](#) and [loonies](#) to support other wild salmon protection groups. The day before the December announcement, WSAT met with MP Terry Beech, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, and even though they knew the decision had already been made, they added their voices to the chorus of demands for change. Learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/ycod8mto>.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS! Would you like to learn more about UCV and Unitarians? Join us in the breakout room at Coffee Hour after the service (<http://ucv.im/coffee>), First and Third Sundays. See you there!"

JANE SUTHERLAND, a twenty-year member of UCV, died peacefully in her daughter's home Tuesday January 5 just before noon of congestive heart failure. Her daughter, son-in-law and niece, Leslie Hill, were with her, and her oldest son arrived just as she breathed her last.

UCV STAFF UPDATE: Please spread the word about the posting for our Congregational Administrator, <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/careers/>. We are looking for a dynamic person who understands our values. Closing date is January 17!

A NOTE FROM CARE & CONCERN: Some of life's challenges are pretty manageable. Others leave us feeling very alone and overwhelmed, or demand great contemplation. Our Care and Concern volunteers work closely with our minister to support members and friends who are in times of transition and need. We are here if you need a tender heart in a moment of sorrow, happy cheer in a moment of joy; a meal or a ride in a moment of need; or personal support in difficult circumstances such as: grief, illness, marital changes, isolation, etc. Contact Care & Concern (careandconcern@vancouverunitarians.ca) or Rev. Lara Cowtan (604-261-7204, x.223 / rev.lara@vancouverunitarians.ca)

THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE is pleased to announce that seven new benches have been installed on the UCV campus to honour the following past and present members: Joan and Noel Armstrong, Virginia Crabill, Ann Foster, Wolfgang and Hilde Gerson, Tony Roper, Barbara and John Taylor, Lesia and John Voth. Many thanks to all the donating families who have chosen this way to both honour their loved ones and to enhance the UCV grounds. We can all look forward to sitting on these beautiful benches once we are able to gather in person again.



NEW SANCTUARY ART EXHIBITION: Look out for a new Sanctuary art exhibition – *Retrospective* by Pat MacBain – on display during our Sunday livestreams throughout January and February!

OUR LIBRARY IS AVAILABLE! The door to the library is still locked for now but our librarian, David Buchanan, will arrange loans for members/adherents by either snail mail or pick-up at our 49th & Oak location. Just email David <davidfbuchanan@gmail.com> to let him know what you would like to borrow and he'll work out the details with you. Please note there is an "f" between David and Buchanan in the address. Happy reading!

A Common Read for Vancouver Unitarians: Transition Team members have been reading *In the Interim: Strategies for Interim Ministers and Congregations*. It's full of interesting stories about transitions, a wealth of information about the potential role of an Interim Minister and intriguing ideas for Vancouver Unitarians to consider. Extra copies are available for loan. Just email David Buchanan <davidfbuchanan@gmail.com> to arrange the loan by mail or pick-up. Here's an excerpt:

"Telling our stories is not an end in itself, but an attempt to release ourselves from them, to evolve and grow beyond them. We tell our stories to transform ourselves; to learn about our history and tell our experiences to transcend them; to use our stories to make a difference in our world; to broaden our perspective to see further than normal; to act beyond a story that may have imprisoned or enslaved us; to live more of our spiritual and earthly potential" (p 43).

SOUL MATTERS: If you would like to receive the Soul Matters Chalice Home packets supporting creating a home altar and guidance on monthly home worship around our themes please fill out this Breeze form: <https://ucv.im/themes-home> or contact Kiersten Moore, dre@vancouverunitarians.ca

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR NEEDED! The communications committee is looking for a new chair to work closely with staff and lay leaders. We need someone comfortable with technology who will bring leadership, creativity and energy! We promise to make sure this volunteer workload is an uplifting and manageable effort. Please contact Marie communications@vancouverunitarians.ca if interested!

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: The OOF recipient for this Sunday's collection is The Treehouse Vancouver Child and Youth Advocacy Centre which has formed a multi-disciplinary team to intervene in and prevent child abuse and violence. The team comprises staff from VPD and three child and youth care agencies. Its' programs and services build networks and community support systems that promote safe and sustainable environments for children, youth and their families. A critical goal of the centre is to raise awareness of child abuse in Vancouver.

Next Sunday Service: January 17, 2020

Reconciliation has been a Massive Failure

Dr. Bruce McIvor

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

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

Christian Malcolm
Paul Nash
Chris Pearce, Diane Donaldson, Lorraine Calame



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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