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Eco-Location: Imagining Place as Community

Rev. Ron Phares

[Live streamed](#) from the UCV Sanctuary – **January 31, 2021**



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



Winter COVID-19 Updates

In accordance with the B.C. Provincial health order updated on January 8, 2021, all events and gatherings on UCV Campus have been suspended, and only essential staff and volunteers are allowed entry during worship services.

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

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 31, 2021

Prelude	<i>Sarabande</i>	Debussy Elliott Dainow, piano
Welcome		Laureen Stokes
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Adin-McIvor Family
Opening Words		Rev. Ron Phares
Opening Hymn	#1003: <i>Where Do We Come From</i>	Chalice Choir Leads
Time for All Ages	<i>Roxaboxen</i>	By Alice McLerran Told by Kiersten Moore
Community Candle Lighting		Laureen Stokes
Meditation, Spoken and Silent		Laureen Stokes
Musical Response	<i>Closer to the Flame</i>	Chalice Choir
Homily Part I	<i>Eco-location: Imagining Place as Community</i>	Rev. Ron Phares
Musical Response	<i>La Fille aux Chevaux de Lin</i>	Debussy Elliott Dainow, piano
Homily Part II	<i>Eco-location: Imagining Place as Community</i>	Rev. Ron Phares
Hymn	#1064: <i>Blue Boat Home</i>	Chalice Choir Leads

Offering: *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.*

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.

Affirmation of Gratitude		Laureen Stokes
Board Announcements		Michael O'Neil
Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame		Rev. Ron Phares
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>	

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING? Here is a collection of our most sought-after resources:

- <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

MEMORIAL FOR JANE SUTHERLAND: Jane Sutherland died peacefully on January 5, 2021 in her daughter's home. There will be an online memorial service at 1:30 pm PST on Saturday, February 6 – at this link: ucv.im/jane. Please go to this website on February 6 to get the zoom link, and check in before 1:30 for music. Memorial donations may be made to The David Suzuki Foundation, Doctors Without Borders, and Friends of Canadian Broadcasting.

SANCTUARY UPGRADES FORUM: On Sunday, February 14, from 12:30 to 1:30, there will be a follow-up forum regarding Sanctuary Upgrades, and at this forum Dianne Crosbie from the B and G committee and Galen Elfert from the Board Executive will give us all a more detailed overview of the scope of work to be done and a timeline for completion that does not exceed August 2021. Join the Zoom via <http://ucv.im/forums> - **Meeting ID:** 810 5602 3075 **Password:** 2617204.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: 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 a one-day workshop in early spring, please email her at president@vancouverunitarians.ca .

ACTION EVENING: Wednesday, February 3, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm: *Whales, and the Revolution They Inspired to Protect Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound* with Bob Turner, film-maker, and Tim Turner, educator. Log in to our Zoom room at ucv.im/action early from 6:45pm on Wednesday evening as we start at 7:00 pm sharp. Visit <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/events/action-evening-whales-howe-sound/> for more information.

THE UCV SECOND SUNDAY BOOK CLUB will meet online after the service on February 14, 2021 to discuss *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Weaving experiences of her life as a mom and scholar with oral histories, botany, and words from wise people striving to live their cultures, Kimmerer has gifted us with wondrous insight into how our lives are interwoven with those of plants: “We cannot live without them but it’s also true that they cannot live without us.” Take a walk with a true daughter of Mother Nature. Go to ucv.im/coffee after the service ends and ask to join the Book Group breakout room. Get ready for a lively discussion with our Sunday group. Please join us; you will be a positive addition.

ANTI-RACISM INITIATIVE: A small group is forming to explore safely and supportively the challenge of self-discovery posed in Layla Saad's book, *me and white supremacy*. We're planning to meet for 1 ½ hours a week for 3 months starting in February. The work requires commitment to honest engagement with the material on an emotional level, and will likely be at times uncomfortable. It is not designed for intellectual debate. You'll need to buy the book or the e-book. If cost is prohibitive, a way will be found to help you. If you're interested, contact Nan Gregory. nangregory@shaw.ca

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>

UCV ONLINE HISTORY WALL: You can now e-mail your UCV stories and pictures to padletucv@gmail.com and we will post them for you. Looking back at our reflections will guide planning for our future so please send in your contribution. You can also post directly at padlet.com/vancouverunitarian/stories. 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.

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!"

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!

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: Please note that this is the last Sunday collection for the OOF recipient, **The Treehouse Vancouver Child and Youth Advocacy Centre**. The Centre is a multi-disciplinary team that works together to intervene in and prevent child abuse and violence. Its services have been needed more than ever during the pandemic, given the increase in child abuse during lockdown restrictions.

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!

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!

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)

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK (FEB 1 – 7) is an annual event observed during the first week of February, as proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in October, 2010. There are many opportunities to engage virtually with the burgeoning local interfaith movement this year, many of which are detailed in [this printable poster](#) provided by long-time UCV tenants [The Multifaith Action Society](#).

Next Sunday Service: February 7, 2020

A Faith Worth Failing For: A CUC National Service

Please note: this service begins at 10 am PST. Join live via http://bit.ly/SOF_2021 or watch on the CUC YouTube page.

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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