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## Elements of Worship

*Members of the Earth Spirit Circle*

*In-person and live streamed from the UCV Sanctuary – June 25, 2023*



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# TODAY AT UCV

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**10 am:** Meditation Group (Meditation Room)

**11 am:** Sunday Service (Sanctuary)

**11:15 am:** Children's Group & Crossing Paths (Fireside & Lindsey-Priestley)

**12:30 pm:** Second Sunday Book Group (Biddle)

**1 pm:** UCV yUUth (Hitschmanova)

**2 – 6:30 pm:** Recital/concert (Sanctuary – external rental)

Please consider signing up for our Weekly and Monthly Bulletins at

[www.vancouverunitarians.ca/newsletter](http://www.vancouverunitarians.ca/newsletter) for a full accounting of UCV community events and announcements!

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## WANT TO LIGHT A CANDLE?

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Silent candles can be lit anytime at the front of the Sanctuary. Community Candles are read from the book of Joys & Concerns in the Foyer and from the Live Chat on YouTube during the service. Requests for candles can also be submitted in advance at <https://ucv.im/candles> (before 9am Sunday).

A candle with an orange ribbon is always lit during our worship services in remembrance of the countless indigenous children who died at residential schools, the survivors and their families.

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## TODAY'S OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND RECIPIENT

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From July to October, 2023, our Outreach Opportunities Fund recipient will be the [Aboriginal Mother Centre Society \(AMCS\)](#). AMCS is dedicated to supporting Aboriginal families by providing cultural, traditional services through a holistic grass roots approach. It empowers mothers to transform their lives.



“Aboriginal Mother Centre Society is a place where Aboriginal mothers, whom are facing homelessness and/or dealing with their child/ren in care of the Ministry, can come to stay. The women can rebuild their sense of self-worth and identity for a better future for themselves and their children. AMCS is a place where they can come to be together as a family.” -Aboriginal Mother Centre Society

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# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP: 11:00AM, JUNE 25, 2023

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<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Love in the River</i> <i>From a Distance</i> <i>Stand in that River</i>	By James Lamb By Julie Gold By Moira Smiley Performed by Sharon Bayly & Jane Slemon*
<b>Welcome</b>		Laureen Stokes
<b>Introduction of New Outreach Opportunities Fund Recipient</b>		Aboriginal Mother Centre Society
<b>Opening Words &amp; Chalice Lighting</b>		Sheri Grahame
<b>Board Moment</b>		Karen Bartlett
<b>Casting the Circle &amp; Calling Four Directions</b>		Sheri Grahame & Cecilia Gruber
<b>Hymn #1074</b>	<i>Turn the World Around</i>	
<b>Community Candles</b>		Mary Lage & Rory O'Brien
<b>On Solstice</b>		Sheri Grahame
<b>Wisdom Story</b>	<i>Spring After Spring</i>	By Rachel Carson
	<i>Let's sing the children out... "Go now in peace..."</i>	
<b>Air</b>	<i>Wild Geese</i>	By Mary Oliver Read by Rory O'Brien
<b>Musical Response</b>	<i>Gentle Arms of Eden</i>	By Dave Carter Performed by Sharon Bayly & Jane Slemon
<b>Fire</b>	Excerpt from <i>Braiding Sweetgrass</i>	By Robin Wall Kimmerer Read by Cindy Cashin
<b>Water</b>	<i>The River Cannot Go Back</i>	By Khalil Gibran Read by Mary Lage
<b>Earth</b>	<i>Ode to Dirt</i>	By Sharon Olds Read by Cecilia Gruber
<b>Musical Response</b>	<i>Redwing Blackbird</i>	By David Francey Performed by Sharon Bayly & Jane Slemon

## Offering and Affirmation of Gratitude

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.

**Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame**

Laureen Stokes

**Releasing the Four Directions & Opening the Circle**

Sheri Grahame & Cecilia Gruber

**Valediction**

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

*\* Sharon Bayly and Jane Slemon are Stairwell Singers, from Emily Carr University's most resonant concrete stairwell.*

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**THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY DIANE DONALDSON.**

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