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Life at the Improv

Rev. Shawn Gauthier

In-person and live streamed from the Sanctuary – June 23, 2024



WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY?

9:15 am: Chalice Choir Rehearsal (Fireside)

10 am: Meditation Group (Meditation Room)

10:45/11 am – 12:15 pm: Children's Religious Education (Lindsey-Priestley/Fireside)

11 am: Sunday Service (Sanctuary)

1 pm: Refugee Committee (Biddle)

1:30 – 3:30 pm: UCV Youth (Hitschmanova)

1:30 – 4:30 pm / 3:30 – 6 pm: External rental (Sanctuary/Hall)

5:30 – 9:30 pm: External rental (Sanctuary)

WANT TO LIGHT A CANDLE?

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://vanu.ca/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.

TODAY'S OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND RECIPIENT

The Outreach Opportunities Fund recipient for March-June 2024 will be First Nations' Emergency Services Society of BC (FNESS). FNESS serves First Nations' communities by building emergency planning, training, response and recovery; as well as providing fire training, education and prevention, and forest fuel and wildfire management.

For more information, please visit <https://www.fness.bc.ca/>.



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP: 11:00AM, JUNE 23, 2024

Prelude *Little Prelude in E - BWV 937* By J. S. Bach
Swipesy - a Cakewalk By Scott Joplin with Arthur Marshall
Eric Wyness, piano

Words of Welcome & Land Acknowledgement Elly Jones

Greeting Our Neighbours

Opening Hymn **STLT #66: *When the Summer Sun is Shining***

Opening Words Words of Carl Seaburg Rev. Shawn Gauthier

Kindling the Chalice Flame Rev. Shawn Gauthier

Time For All Ages *The Sun and the Moon* Written by Celestine Aleck
Illustrated by Cole Good
Read by Cecilia Gruber

Let's sing the children out... "Go now in peace..."

Board Announcements Mairy Beam

Offering Elly Jones

Offertory *Bye Bye Blackbird* By Ray Henderson,
lyrics by Mort Dixon
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 secure Breeze interface.

Community Candles Karen Theroux

Meditation – Spoken, then Silent Elly Jones

Musical Response *Promenade*, from the film *Diva* By Vladimir Cosma
Eric Wyness, piano

Reading *Life While You Wait* By Wisława Szymborska

Hymn **STLT #86: *Blessed Spirit of My Life***

Sermon	<i>Life at the Improv</i>	Rev. Shawn Gauthier
Closing Hymn	STLT #324: <i>Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads</i>	
Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
Valediction	<i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again (x2)</i>	
Postlude	<i>Reprise: Bye Bye Blackbird</i>	By Ray Henderson, lyrics by Mort Dixon Eric Wyness, piano

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THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY DIANE DONALDSON.

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