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How do we Live Well in a World in Crisis? One Unitarian's Perspective from Community Work

Michael Clague

In-person and live streamed from the Sanctuary – September 1, 2024



WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY?

10 am: Meditation Group (Meditation Room)

10 am – 4 pm: Refugee Committee (Various spaces)

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

11 am: Sunday Service (Sanctuary)

12 pm: Coffee Hour (Hall)

PLEASE NOTE: You may notice it's busier than usual today and next Sunday. This is because the refugee team is doing private interviews with people who are hoping to sponsor their families into Canada. Please respect their need for space and privacy, thank you!

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 9 am 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 (OOF) recipient for July-October will be the Highs and Lows Choir (<https://highsandlowschoir.ca/>). The Highs and Lows Choir is a peer-managed four-part choral group that seeks to promote mental health and wellness by providing folks with lived experiences of mental health issues with access to low-barrier choral singing, musical activities and instruction.

For more information about the Outreach Opportunities Fund, visit:
<https://vanu.ca/services/outreach-opportunities-fund/>

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP: 11:00AM, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Prelude	<i>The Chrysanthemum</i> (1904)* <i>Little Prelude in F</i> (BWV 927) <i>Little Improv, probably in F</i> <i>Ode to Joy</i> (arr.)*	Scott Joplin J. S. Bach Eric Wyness Beethoven Performed by Eric Wyness
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Words of Welcome & Land Acknowledgement Martha Saunders

Greeting Our Neighbours

Opening Hymn STLT #298: *Wake Now My Senses* (Verses 1 – 3)

Opening Words & Kindling the Chalice Flame Martha Saunders

Time For All Ages *The Invisible String*
By Patrice Karst
Read by Elly Fong Jones

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

Life of the Congregation Griffin Tedeschini

Offering Martha Saunders

Offertory *Gnossienne #5* (1889)*
Erik Satie
Performed by Eric Wyness

<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>

Community Candles

Meditation – Spoken, then Silent Martha Saunders

Musical Response *Sarabande/Aria* (BWV 988/1)*
J. S. Bach
Performed by Eric Wyness

Sermon *How do we Live Well in a
World in Crisis?* Michael Clague

Closing Hymn STLT #121: *We'll Build a Land* (Verses 1 – 2)

Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame Martha Saunders

Valediction

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

Postlude

The Chrysanthemum (reprise)

Scott Joplin

Performed by Eric Wyness

* “Joplin wrote *Chrysanthemum* to woo Freddie, who liked it enough to marry him. *Sarabande* was a favourite of Bach's great love, Anna Magdalena; he later wrote an astonishing set of variations on it. Schiller's poem *Ode to Joy* was to be *Ode to Freedom* but the Emperor's nervous censors forced the change. *Gnossienne #5* is from Satie's early 20's when he found the Joy and Freedom of his own creative voice. Create, Find Joy, Make Love.”

– Eric Wyness

Re “Ode to Joy”— Here in the unassailable message of ‘Ode to Joy,’ was a clarion call to humanity from Beethoven in 1824 to discard all the false gods that fueled half a century of unremitting wars and millennia of inequality—the divisions of nation and rank, the oppressions of dogma and tradition—and band together in universal sympathy and solidarity. – Michael Clague

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The flowers this week have been provided by **Chris Pearce**.

The artwork on display in the Sanctuary has been provided by **Ralph Sears**.

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