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Water Communion

Rev. Shawn Gauthier

In-person and live streamed from the Sanctuary – September 8, 2024



WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY?

9 am: Lay Chaplain's Committee (Family Room)

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 and EnviroTeam Lunch (Hall)

12:30 – 2 pm: IPA Meeting (Lindsey-Priestley)

1:30 pm: Celebration of Life for Uli Spannagel (Sanctuary) and reception (Fireside)

PLEASE NOTE: You may notice it's busier than usual today. 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 8, 2024

Prelude	<i>Water is Wide Medley</i>	Elliott Dainow, piano
Invocation	<i>Spirit of Life</i>	With the Chalice Choir
Words of Welcome & Land Acknowledgement		Laureen Stokes
Greeting Our Neighbours		
Opening Hymn	STLT #347: <i>Gather the Spirit</i>	
Opening Words & Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
Time For All Ages	<i>The Lost Drop</i>	By Grégoire Laforce and Benjamin Flouw Read by Kiersten Moore
Life of the Congregation		Michael O'Neil
Offering		Laureen Stokes
Offertory	<i>Water is Wide</i>	Arranged by Miles Ramsay Performed by Jane Slemmon, Elliott Dainow, and Paul Nash
<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		Karen Theroux
Meditation – Spoken, then Silent		Laureen Stokes
Musical Response	<i>Bring Me Little Water, Silvy</i>	Composed by Lead Belly, arranged by Adam Podd With the Chalice Choir
Water Communion Ceremony		
Closing Hymn	STJ #1064: <i>Blue Boat Home</i>	
Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
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>	

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The flowers this week have been provided by **Lorraine Calame**.

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



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