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## **Fire Communion**

*Rev. Shawn Gauthier*

*In-person and live streamed from the Sanctuary – January 5, 2025*



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY?

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**9 am:** Chi Gong / Meditation (Meditation Room)

**10:45/11 am – 12:15 pm:** Children's Group/Crossing Paths (Lindsey-Priestley/Hitschmanova)

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

**12 pm:** Coffee Hour (Hall)

**12:30 pm:** Enviro Team Climate Activism Forum (Fireside)

**12 – 2 pm:** The Work That Reconnects (Biddle)

**1 – 3 pm:** VanU Youth (Hitschmanova)

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## WANT TO LIGHT A CANDLE?

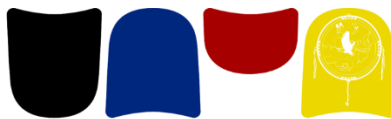
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Silent candles can be lit anytime at the front of the Sanctuary. Community Candles are read from the book of Joys & Concerns in the Foyer and from the Live Chat on YouTube during the service. Requests for candles can also be submitted in advance at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

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## TODAY'S OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND RECIPIENT

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### URBAN NATIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Our current Outreach Opportunities Fund (OOF) recipient is the **Urban Native Youth Association** (UNYA).

UNYA strives to support Indigenous youth by providing a diverse continuum of advocacy, preventative and support services that respond to their immediate and long-term needs. Today, UNYA delivers 20+ programs with 175+ volunteers, 100 staff, and more than 300 community partners.

For more information about UNYA, please see [unya.bc.ca](http://unya.bc.ca). For more information about the Outreach Opportunities Fund, visit: [vanu.ca/oof](http://vanu.ca/oof)

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# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP: 11:00AM, JANUARY 5, 2025

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<b>Prelude</b>	<i>At the Speed of a Dance Kk. 430</i> <i>Light My Fire</i>	Domenico Scarlatti Robby Krieger & The Doors Eric Wyness, piano
<b>Words of Welcome &amp; Land Acknowledgement</b>		Diane Brown
<b>Greeting Our Neighbours</b>		
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<b>STJ #1000:</b> <i>Morning Has Come</i>	
<b>Opening Words</b>		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<b>Kindling the Chalice Flame</b>		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<b>Life of the Congregation</b>		Michael O'Neil
<b>Offering</b>		Diane Brown
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>In the Bleak Mid-Winter*</i>	Christina Rossetti, Gustav Holst Arr. Nikki Iles, additions E.W. 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.

<b>Community Candles</b>		
<b>Meditation – Spoken, then Silent</b>		Diane Brown
<b>Musical Response</b>	<i>Promenade, du film Diva**</i>	Vladimir Cosma Eric Wyness, piano
<b>Reflection</b>		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<b>Ritual for Letting Go</b>		Kiersten Moore
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>STJ #1011:</b> <i>Return Again</i>	
<b>Reflection</b>		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<b>Ritual for Resolution</b>		Kiersten Moore
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>STLT #396:</b> <i>I Know This Rose Will Open</i>	

**Reflection**

Rev. Shawn Gauthier

**Hymn**

**STJ #1028: *The Fire of Commitment***

**Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame**

Rev. Shawn Gauthier

**Valediction**

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

**Postlude**

Reprise – *At the Speed of a Dance*  
*Kk. 430*

Vladimir Cosma  
Eric Wyness, piano

\* *"In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow - In the bleak mid-winter, long ago." - Christina Rossetti*

\*\* *"The re-opening of Notre Dame cathedral (the best news of 2024?) made me want to play this very Parisian music one more time."*

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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 **Hilda Gerson**.

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