

meeting on unceded, traditional xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) land



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Asian Connections – Part 1: Unitarians & India

Rev. Shawn Gauthier & Gerta Moray

In-person and live streamed from the Sanctuary – May 11, 2025



Regular Office Hours: Monday to Thursday, 9:30 am to 2 pm

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WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY?

9 am: Chi Gong / Meditation (Meditation Room)

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

11 am: Sunday Service (Sanctuary)

12 pm: Coffee Hour

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

12:30 pm: 2nd Sunday Book Group (Biddle)

1 pm: VanU Youth (Hitschmanova Room)

2 – 6 pm: West Coast Chamber Music rental (Sanctuary/Hall)

WANT TO LIGHT A CANDLE?

Engaging Our Hearts, Heads, and Hands

There are many ways to deepen your experience of worship this morning:

* **Silent Candles:** Light a silent candle at the edge of the stage before, after, or at appropriate moments in the service.

* **Sorrowful Stones:** Drop a stone in the vase of water at the back of the sanctuary to express your feelings about the heartbreaking realities of our world.

* **Soul Work:** Kits are available in the foyer, for those who wish to do forms of hand-work during the service.

* **Community Candles:** To have a personal joy or sorrow shared with the congregation during the service, enter your request in the Book of Joys & Sorrows in the foyer, through the Live Chat on YouTube, or submit your request in advance of the service at <https://vanu.ca/candles>.

TODAY'S OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND RECIPIENT

Our current Outreach Opportunities Fund (OOF) recipient is the **Salal Sexual Violence Support Centre**.



Founded 40 years ago, Salal Sexual Violence Support Centre is the largest sexual assault centre in British Columbia, operating on the stolen and unceded Coast Salish Territories of the x^wməθk^wəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵw̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and Sel̓ílwitulh (Tseil-Waututh) peoples.

For more information about Salal, please see www.salalsvsc.ca. For more information about the Outreach Opportunities Fund, visit: vanu.ca/oof

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP: 11:00AM, MAY 11, 2025

Prelude	<i>Tilak Kamod (part 1)</i>	Trad. Raag Gurdev Singh Namdhari, sangari Gian Singh Namdhari, tabla
Words of Welcome & Land Acknowledgement		Diane Brown
Widening Our Welcome		
Opening Hymn	STLT #188: <i>Come, Come, Whoever You Are</i>	
Opening Words		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
Time for All Ages	<i>Harry Hikes to Fitchburg</i>	D.B. Johnson Read by Rev. Shawn Gauthier
Song for Leaving		Words by Suzelle Lynch Music by Ruben Piirainen
	<i>As you go, may joy surround you, as you go, go in peace Know our love is with you always, as you go, as you go</i>	
Life of the Congregation		Michal O'Neil
Offering		Diane Brown
Offertory	<i>Tilak Kamod (part 2)</i>	Trad. Raag Gurdev Singh Namdhari, sarangi Gian Singh Namdhari, tabla
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>We continue to support the work of this congregation and our outreach opportunities recipient through an online offering. You may use <u>text-to-give</u> now (Simply text an amount to 778-771-1707 to get started today, or visit http://ucv.im/give for more information!) or <u>donate online</u> through our secure Breeze interface.</p></div>		
Community Candles		Mary Lage / Nicole Mukiza
Meditation, Spoken, then Silent	Words of Rabindrinath Tagore	Diane Brown
Musical Response	<i>Tilak Kamod (part 3)</i>	Trad. Raag Gurdev Singh Namdhari, sarangi Gian Singh Namdhari, tabla

Our Asian Heritage

Reflection: Introduction

Rev. Shawn Gauthier

Reflection: The Transcendentalists

Gerta Moray

Reflection: Unitarians in India

Rev. Shawn Gauthier

Closing Hymn

STLT #181: *No Matter If You Live Now Far or Near*

**Benediction & Extinguishing the
Chalice Flame**

Rev. Shawn Gauthier

Valediction

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again
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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 the **Developmental Disabilities Association**.

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