



The Newness of Life

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In-person and live streamed from the Sanctuary – April 5, 2026

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WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY?

9 am: Chi Gong / Meditation (Meditation Room)

9 am: Chalice Choir (Fireside)

11:00 am – 12:30 pm: Children's Group (Lindsey-Priestley)

11 am: Sunday service (Sanctuary)

1 pm: VanU Youth (Hitschmanova)

3 - 6 pm: External Rental (Sanctuary)

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

From February to May 2026, our Outreach Opportunities Fund recipient will be [Out In Schools](#).

“Out In Schools is BC’s award-winning 2SLGBTQIA+ education program with more than 15 years of experience in BC’s education system. We inspire and empower youth. We use film and facilitated group discussion to engage youth in building safer, more inclusive communities.

Work with us to support your classroom or community today!”

The logo for Out In Schools is displayed on a solid yellow rectangular background. The words "OUT" and "IN" are positioned at the top, and "SCHOOLS" is centered below them, all in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**OUT IN
SCHOOLS**

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP: 11:00AM, APRIL 5, 2026

Prelude	<i>St. Matthew Passion</i> (excerpt)	Bach Arr. Elliott Dainow Lia Wolfe & Elliott Dainow
Invocation	<i>Now the Green Blade Riseth</i>	With the Chalice Choir
Words of Welcome & Land Acknowledgment		Janet Pivnick
Life of the Congregation		Tim Smith
Greeting Our Neighbours		
Opening Hymn	STLT #61: <i>Lo, the Earth Awakens Again</i>	
Opening Words		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
Time for All Ages	<i>The Rainbow Fish</i>	By Marcus Pfister 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>		
Offering		Janet Pivnick
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://vanu.ca/give for more information!) or <u>donate online</u> through our secure Breeze interface.		
Offertory	<i>Easter Round</i>	Gumpelzhaimer / Arranged by Elliott Dainow With the Chalice Choir
Affirmation of Gratitude		Janet Pivnick
Community Candles		Audrey Cook
Meditation – Spoken, then Silent	<i>Passover</i>	By Lynn Ungar Janet Pivick

Musical Response*Nothing Gold Can Stay*

By Stephanie Martin; text by
Robert Frost
With the Chalice Choir

Reading*A Comma*

By Magdalena I. Garcia

Hymn**STLT #269:** *Lo, the Day of Days is Here***Sermon***The Newness of Life*

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Closing Hymn**STLT #270:** *O Day of Light and Gladness***Benediction & Extinguishing
the Chalice Flame**

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

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

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