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# **Walking on Sunshine: Opening Our Hearts to a Playful Summer**

*Janet Pivnick*

*In-person and live streamed from the Sanctuary – June 14, 2026*

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY?

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

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

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

**12 - 2 pm:** Refugee Team (Fireside)

**12:30 pm:** Intercultural Team (Lindsey-Priestley)

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

**3 - 6 pm:** External rental (Sanctuary/Hall)

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## WANT TO LIGHT A CANDLE?

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### 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>.

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## TODAY'S OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND RECIPIENT

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From February through June 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!”



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# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP: 11:00AM, JUNE 14, 2026

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<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Weeping Willow</i> <i>Sun Songs: A Helio-Montage</i>	Scott Joplin Various Eric Wyness, piano
<b>Words of Welcome &amp; Land Acknowledgment</b>		Laureen Stokes
<b>Life of the Congregation</b>		Laureen Stokes
<b>Widening Our Welcome</b>		
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<b>STLT #361: <i>Enter, Rejoice, and Come In</i></b>	
<b>Opening Words</b>		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<b>Kindling the Chalice Flame</b>		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<b>Time for All Ages</b>	<i>When Dinosaurs Came with Everything</i>	By Elise Broach Read by Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<b>Song for Leaving</b>		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>	
<b>Offering</b>		Laureen Stokes
<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 <b>text-to-give</b> now (Simply text an amount to 778-771-1707 to get started today, or visit <a href="http://vanu.ca/give">http://vanu.ca/give</a> for more information!) or <b>donate online</b> through our secure Breeze interface.</p></div>		
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Here Comes the Sun</i>	George Harrison Eric Wyness, piano
<b>Affirmation of Gratitude</b>		Laureen Stokes
<b>Community Candles</b>		Muriel Harris
<b>Meditation – Spoken, then Silent</b>		Laureen Stokes
<b>Musical Response</b>	<i>Promenade</i>	Vladimir Cosma Eric Wyness, piano

<b>Reading</b>	Laughing Song	By William Blake Janet Pivnick
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>STLT #311:</b> <i>Let it Be a Dance</i>	
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Walking on Sunshine: Opening Our Hearts to a Playful Summer</i>	Janet Pivnick
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<b>STJ #1008:</b> <i>When Our Heart is in a Holy Place</i>	
<b>Benediction &amp; Extinguishing the Chalice Flame</b>		Janet Pivnick
<b>Valediction</b>	<i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again (x2)</i>	
<b>Postlude</b>		Eric Wyness, piano

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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