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Is Happiness the Goal?

Rev. Shawn Gauthier

In-person and live streamed from the Sanctuary – June 21, 2026

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WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY?

9 am: Chi Gong / Meditation (Meditation Room)

10 am – 12:30 pm: Chalice Choir (Fireside)

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

11 am: Sunday service (Sanctuary)

12:30 pm: Enviro Team (Lindsey-Priestley)

1 pm: VanU Youth (Hitschmanova)

1 pm: Celebration of Life for Winn Peters (Sanctuary – Reception to follow in the Hall)

3 – 7:30 pm: External rental (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

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!”



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP: 11:00AM, JUNE 21, 2026

Prelude		Tom Rawson, banjo
Words of Welcome & Land Acknowledgment		Janet Pivnick
Life of the Congregation		Laureen Stokes
Widening Our Welcome		Janet Pivnick
Opening Hymn	<i>STLT #38: Morning Has Broken</i>	
Opening Words	Words of Kathleen McTigue	Rev. Shawn Gauthier
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
Time for All Ages	<i>The Cat Who Couldn't Be Bothered</i>	By Jack Kurland Read by Rev. Shawn Gauthier
Song for Leaving		Words by Suzelle Lynch Music by Ruben Piirainen

*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.*

Offering	Janet Pivnick
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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://vanu.ca/give> for more information!) or **donate online** through our secure Breeze interface.

Offertory		Tom Rawson
Affirmation of Gratitude		Janet Pivnick
Community Candles		Karen Theroux
Meditation – Spoken, then Silent		Janet Pivnick
Musical Response		Tom Rawson
Reading	From <i>Small Graces</i> by Kent Nerburn	Rev. Shawn Gauthier
Hymn	<i>STLT #42: Morning, So Fair to See</i>	

Sermon

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Closing Hymn

STLT #77: *Seek Not Afar for Beauty*

**Benediction & Extinguishing
the Chalice Flame** Words of Kalidasa

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Valediction

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

The flowers this week have been provided by **Naomi Taylor**.

The artwork on display in the Sanctuary has been provided by the **Developmental Disabilities Association**.

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