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# **Bridging Ceremony**

*Vancouver Unitarian Youth  
& Rev. Shawn Gauthier*

*In-person and live streamed from the Sanctuary – June 7, 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)

**11:00 am – 12:30 pm:** OWL Class (Hitschmanova)

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

**12 pm:** Environment Team Lunch (Hall)

**12:30 pm:** Extraordinary General Meeting (Sanctuary)

**2:30 – 5:30 pm:** External rental (Sanctuary)

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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 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 a bright yellow square. Inside the square, the words "OUT IN SCHOOLS" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. "OUT" and "SCHOOLS" are on the top line, and "IN" is centered on the line below them.

**OUT IN  
SCHOOLS**

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# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP: 11:00AM, JUNE 7, 2026

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**Prelude** *Swipesy – a Cakewalk* Artie Matthews & Scott Joplin  
*Habanera* Emmanuel Chabrier  
Eric Wyness, piano\*

**Words of Welcome & Land Acknowledgment** Elly

**Life of the Congregation** Tim Smith

**Widening Our Welcome**

**Opening Hymn** STLT #389: *Gathered Here*

**Opening Words** Rev. Shawn Gauthier

**Kindling the Chalice Flame** Rev. Shawn Gauthier

**Time for All Ages** *The Dot* By Peter H. Reynolds

**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** Elly

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** *Valse* Nino Rota  
Eric Wyness, piano

**Affirmation of Gratitude** Elly

**Community Candles** Rory O'Brien

**Meditation – Spoken, then Silent** Elly

**Musical Response** *Aria* Domenico Scarlatti  
Eric Wyness, piano

**Senior High Bridging Ceremony**

Welcome & Blessing

Closing Song

*Home*

Phillip Phillips

Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Rev. Shawn Gauthier

Valediction

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

*\* "These pieces are bridges, linking generations, different lands, other times: The Frenchman Chabrier recalling travels in Spain; Artie Matthews, still a teen when he co-wrote this wonderful rag with his mentor, Scott Joplin; Dom Scarlatti in Spain, remembering his youth and his father in Naples, and the film composer Nino Rota evoking an imagined belle epoch." - Eric W.*

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

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

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