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# A Unitarian Uncyclical on AI

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*In-person and live streamed from the Sanctuary – June 28, 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 pm:** Grab-and-Go Lunch (Hall)

**12:30 pm:** GEM Meeting (Lindsey-Priestley)

**12:30 pm:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Book Group (Family Room)

**12:30 pm:** Refugee Team Meeting (Biddle)

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

**3:30 – 6:30 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 July through October 2026, our Outreach Opportunities Fund recipient will be the [Carnegie Housing Project](#). The Carnegie Housing Project works with residents and community organizations to secure a future for the DTES that serves the needs of its residents.

The Carnegie Housing Project (CHP) delivers community-based research and organizing on issues related to social housing, income, and gentrification in the Downtown Eastside neighbourhood of Vancouver, BC. The Carnegie Housing Project is a project of the [Carnegie Community Centre Association](#) a registered charity.



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# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP: 11:00AM, JUNE 28, 2026

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<b>Prelude</b>		Brent Alan Huffman
<b>Words of Welcome &amp; Land Acknowledgment</b>		Carol Siebert
<b>Life of the Congregation</b>		Leslie Hill
<b>Widening Our Welcome</b>		Carol Siebert
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<b>STLT #16: 'Tis a Gift to Be Simple</b>	
<b>Opening Words</b>		Paul Prescod
<b>Kindling the Chalice Flame</b>		Paul Prescod
<b>Time for All Ages</b>		Noella Prescod
<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>		Carol Siebert
<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>		
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Mr. Roboto*</i>	Styx Brent Alan Huffman
<b>Affirmation of Gratitude</b>		Carol Siebert
<b>Community Candles</b>		Nancy Woodham
<b>Meditation – Spoken, then Silent</b>		Paul Prescod
<b>Musical Response</b>		Brent Alan Huffman
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>A Unitarian Uncyclical on Artificial Intelligence</i>	Paul Prescod
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<b>STJ #1003: Where Do We Come From?</b>	

**Benediction & Extinguishing  
the Chalice Flame**

Paul Prescod

**Valediction**

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

\* *Mr. Roboto* is a 1983 song about a being with a human heart and a “brain from IBM”

The flowers this week have been provided by **Diane Donaldson**.

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

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