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How Did We Get Here: Stories From Our Congregation

The Question of the Month Team

In-person and live streamed from the Sanctuary – July 12, 2026

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WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY?

9 am: Chi Gong / Meditation (Meditation Room)

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

11 am: Sunday service (Sanctuary)

12:30 pm: Listening Circle (Fireside)

1 pm: VanU Youth (Hitschmanova)

3:30 pm: External Rental (Fireside)

5:30 – 8 pm: Earth Spirit Group (Family Room)

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 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.



Closing Hymn

STLT #346: *Come, Sing a Song With Me*

Benediction & Extinguishing
the Chalice Flame

Laureen Stokes

Valediction

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