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Human Survival is a Group Project

Councillor Christine Boyle

In-person and live streamed from the Sanctuary – April 21, 2024



Regular Office Hours: Monday to Thursday, 9:30 am to 2 pm

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WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY?

- 9:30 – 10:30 am:** Qi Gong (Lindsey-Priestley)
9:15 – 10:45 pm: Chalice Choir rehearsal (Fireside)
10 am: Meditation Group (Meditation Room)
10:30 – 1:30 am: OWL (Hitschmanova)
11 am: Sunday Service (Sanctuary)
10:45/11 am – 12:15 pm: Children's Religious Education (Lindsey-Priestley/Fireside)
12:30 pm: My Name is Wolastoq – Film Screening and Discussion (Lindsey-Priestley)
1:30 – 3:30 pm: UCV Youth (Hitschmanova)



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Please consider signing up for our Weekly and Monthly Bulletins at www.vancouverunitarians.ca/newsletter for a full accounting of UCV community events and announcements!

WANT TO LIGHT A CANDLE?

Silent candles can be lit anytime at the front of the Sanctuary. Community Candles are read from the book of Joys & Concerns in the Foyer and from the Live Chat on YouTube during the service. Requests for candles can also be submitted in advance at <https://ucv.im/candles> (before 9am Sunday). A candle with an orange ribbon is always lit during our worship services in remembrance of the countless indigenous children who died at residential schools, the survivors and their families.

TODAY'S OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND RECIPIENT

The Outreach Opportunities Fund recipient for March-June 2024 will be First Nations' Emergency Services Society of BC (FNESS). FNESS serves First Nations' communities by building emergency planning, training, response and recovery; as well as providing fire training, education and prevention, and forest fuel and wildfire management.

For more information, please visit <https://www.fness.bc.ca/>.



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP: 11:00AM, APRIL 21, 2024

Prelude *Circle Round for Freedom* By Linda Hirshhorn
 Mountain Song By Ruth Walmsley
 *Be The Change** Music by Marc Kaplan & Colin Britt.
 Words adapted from Gandhi
 Hills of Shaughnessy By Barb Shaw
 All of today's music is performed by
 the Alouette Sisters**

Opening Hymn **STLT #131: Love Will Guide Us**

Opening Words *We Arrive Out of Many Singular* Karl Perrin
 Rooms

Kindling the Chalice Flame Mei Jia Lam

Time For All Ages *Sofia Valdez: Future Prez* By Andrea Beaty
 Read by Christine Boyle

Let's sing the children out... "Go now in peace..."

Life of the Congregation

Testimony Tamiko Suzuki

Offering *Water is Life, M'ni Wiconi* By Sara Thomsen

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://ucv.im/give> for more information!) or **donate online** through our secure Breeze interface.

Community Candles

Meditation – Spoken, then Silent Karl Perrin

Musical Response *Water Heal My Body* By Coco Love Alcorn

Sermon *Human Survival is a Group Project* Christine Boyle

Hymn *We Shall Be Known* Alouettes

Closing Words / Extinguishing the Chalice Flame Elizabeth Dunn

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

Postlude *We Shall Be Known** by Karisha Longaker (MaMuse)

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* See insert for lyrics

** *The Alouette Sisters* are Ruth Walmsley, Catherine Hembling, and Christine Thuring, together with Barb Shaw. The sisters met in 2020 through Protect the Planet's struggle to stop the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion (TMX) project and the tree sit in the Brunette River corridor.

When TMX started enforcing their injunction, Ruth, Catherine, Christine and Janette MacIntosh acted as an arrestable core for the Prayer Circle Direct Action Group, a multi-faith group committed to spiritually rooted non-violent civil disobedience. Their singing was part of blocking work, holding vigils, or simply sitting under the sky together.

In September 2021, after 9 months of actions, the C-IRG (Community Industrial Relations Group of the RCMP) brought down the last tree sit. Janette, Ruth and Catherine stood their ground, were arrested, plead guilty to criminal contempt of court and were incarcerated for nine days at the Alouette Correctional Centre for Women in Maple Ridge.

They stand on the shoulders of the 240+ bold Indigenous and settler land and water defenders who have been arrested since 2018 for acting to stop the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion and to prevent catastrophic climate change. Barb joined the sisters when she heard them perform at the Vancouver Folk Song Society, inspired by their stories and passionate about the power of music to open hearts and minds.

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY NAOMI TAYLOR.

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