



Beacon Unitarian Church
Order of Service for April 26, 2026
Democracy and the Heart of Our Community
Mary Bennett and Friends

Pre-Service Sing Along

Laura Redmond, Peg Hinkley, Susan Tarras, Dominique Mamisao
Forever Young **If I Were Free** **I Can See Clearly Now** **Down by the Riverside**
Bob Dylan *Travis Edmonson* *Johnny Nash* *African-American Spiritual*

Welcome to Beacon	David Kristjanson
Chalice Lighting Words by Terry Tempest Williams - Adapted by Laura Redmond <small>From the book, The Open Space of Democracy.</small>	Laura Redmond
♪ Singing # 361 "Enter Rejoice and Come In" <small>Words and Music: Louise Ruspini</small>	Kate Smith & Bill Marshall
Joys and Sorrows	Beth Connelly
Sharing The Plate	Glenn Wootton
♪ Sung Response - For All That Is Our Life (First Verse) <small>Words: Bruce Findlow, Music: Patrick L. Rickey</small>	Ming-Xuan Chung
♪ Singing "ABC Democracy" by Raffi <small>Words & Music: Raffi Cavoukian</small>	Lori Holtorf
<p><i>Quote on Democracy from Elizabeth May - Shared by Christine Kinnie</i> <i>Quote on Democracy from John Lewis - Shared by Kathy Williams</i> <i>Quote on Democracy from John Ralston Saul - Shared by Teresa Morton</i> <i>Quote on Democracy from Johathan Haidt - Shared by David Kristjanson</i></p>	
♪ Singing "May the Work I've Done" <small>Words and Music: Sullivan Pugh</small>	Kate Smith & Bill Marshall
Reflection "Democracy in the Heart of our Community"	Mary Bennett
♪ Circle Dance #1017 "Building a New Way" <small>Words and Music: Martha Sandefer, Arrangement: Jim Scott</small>	Laura Redmond, Mary Bennett, Ming-Xuan Chung
Chalice Extinguishing Words by Molly Ivins	Cathy Tingskov
♪ Carry the Flame	Ming-Xuan Chung
♪ Postlude	Ming-Xuan Chung

AFTER THE SERVICE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Online and in person

All may attend, but only members in good standing may vote.

Next Service: Sunday, May 3 @ 10:30 am

Unitarians Face A New Age

Rev. Shawn Gauthier

In the 1930s, our spiritual forebears bravely asked “whether the organised religious movement known as Unitarianism has any real function to perform in the modern world”. Come and hear their bold response, and Rev. Shawn Gauthier’s equally powerful invitations to us all. This sermon was offered in October 2025 at the installation of Rev. Danie Webber in Hamilton. This version was recorded in November 2025 at VanU. *Rev. Shawn Gauthier is the Settled Minister at Vancouver Unitarians. Previously, he served for 16 years as the Minister at the First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto. Rev. Shawn loves to travel, to take in theatre and classical music, and to explore alongside his husband Bob.*

Supporting Today’s Service

In-Person Greeters	Augusta Hamilton, Carol Woodworth
Newcomer Hosts	Marilyn Medén, John Hagen
Counters/Collectors	Michael Scales, Rob Warner, John Hagen
Sapperton Coffee Host	Corinne Cormier
Audio Visual Technician	Tyler Ewasiuk
Camera operator	Deepak Sahasrabudhe
Zoom Greeter/Service Assistant	Regina Ogmundson
Zoom Recording Editor	Tyler Ewasiuk
Set up/Clean up	All of us who can

Our Shared Ministry

Lay Chaplain	Janet Pivnick, Laura Redmond
Administration Support	Rachael Greenland

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Stay Connected! We send out a weekly email called Beacon This Week that informs you of all upcoming Beacon activities. Please ask one of the Greeters to sign you up, or email Rachael (adminsupport@beaconunitarian.org)

[Lunch Bunch](#) meets online every Tuesday at noon.

[Film Club](#) meets online the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 7pm

[Book Club](#) meets in person the 4th Thursday of the month at 1 pm

[Humanist Group](#) meets online the last Sunday of the month at 7:30 pm

For support when life is challenging, contact our Pastoral Support Team pastoralcare@beaconunitarian.org

For other Beacon programming please visit our website www.beaconunitarian.org