

# Tsawwassen United Church

18th Sunday After Pentecost

Sept. 30, 2007, 10:00 AM

*Pentecost Season. During this time we reflect on the gift of the Holy Spirit who prompts and guides the Christian community through a long season of growth in discipleship and service.*

*Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.  
At the points marked “\*”, those who are able are invited to stand.*

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE: His Steadfast Love

~ Denis Eliot

WELCOME:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Greetings to our brothers and sisters in the faith.

**We come to celebrate God's presence,**  
and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.

**We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,**  
and the life we are called to live.

**We come as a pilgrim people**  
**searching for ways to live out our faith.**

We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

**Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!**

\*OPENING HYMN: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

VU 333

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God of Love, in the wrong we have done**  
**and in the good we have not done;**

**we have sinned in ignorance;**

**we have sinned in weakness;**

**we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry.**

**We repent and turn to you.**

**Forgive us,**

**and renew our lives.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

\*SUNG HALLELEJUAH (*please stand*)

VU 179

**Hallelujah, hallelujah! Give thanks to the risen Christ;**  
**Hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.**

CHOIR'S ANTHEM: Fly Away Medley

~ arr. by Mark Hayes

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (*children to come forward*)

\*CHILDREN'S HYMN: God of the Sparrow

VU 229, v. 1,4,5,6

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE (*children leave afterwards*)

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

FIRST READING: (*Reader: Tara Britnell*)

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

pew Bible O.T. page 697

PSALM: On Eagle's Wings

VU 808

(*Remain seated. Choir will sing the verses. Congregation will join in on the refrain.*)

**And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand.**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 16:19-31

pew Bible N.T. page 75

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: God Who Confronts and Comforts Us

\*HYMN: In the Bulb There is a Flower

VU 703

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY — CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CONGREGATION'S LIFE & MINISTRY

\*DOXOLOGY

VU 541

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*)

VU 959

\*CLOSING HYMN: Let All Things Now Living

VU 242

THE LAST WORD: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

pew Bible N.T. page 197

(*congregation may be seated*)

\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: The Call to Serve

~ Todd Kendall