

Tsawwassen United Church

3rd Sunday in Lent

Feb. 24, 2008, 10:00 AM

Lent is a forty day season of reflection and preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus.

*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: When the Morning Comes

~ arr. Mary McDonald

CALL TO WORSHIP

PROCESSING THE BIBLE AND THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN: Come, Let Us Sing

VU 222

OPENING PRAYER:

Fit us, O God, for this new day.

Through your Spirit, grant us courage,

so that today's uncertainties may not overwhelm us.

Through your Christ, fill us with love,

so that differences may not divide us.

Through your creative energy, make us new,

so that the past may not enslave us.

Spirit, Christ, Creator, lead us into newness of life.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (*with Doris Wasylyk*)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

VU 121, v. 3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God,

our sins are too heavy to carry,

too real to hide,

and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,

what our hearts can no longer bear,

and what has become for us

a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;

open to us a future in which we can be changed;

and grant us grace

to grow more and more in your likeness and image.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (*sung together*):

Wonder and Stare

VU 118

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

FIRST READING: (*Reader: Lynne Meinert*)

Psalm 95

VU 814

GOSPEL READING: John 4:5–42

pew Bible N.T. page 90

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CHOIR'S ANTHEM: Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer

~ *W.A. Mozart*

SERMON: "Give Us Living Water!"

*HYMN: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

VU 626

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- ▶ The Offering is Collected
- ▶ Announcements of the Congregation's Life & Ministry
- ▶ Doxology

VU 541

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

*CLOSING HYMN: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

VU 326

*COMMISSIONING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: Be At Peace ~ *Barbara Furman and David Angerman*

POSTLUDE: Delight In the Lord

~ *Greg Sewell*

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

www.tsawwassenunited.org

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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday to Friday

MISSION STATEMENT:

*Reaching in, we strive to grow in Christ.
Reaching out, we nurture God's world.*

- Newcomers:** If you are a newcomer, please sign our guest book in the narthex. Feel free to take home a "Welcome to this Place" brochure available on the table in the narthex. Our website contains more detailed information and a listing of upcoming events.
- Nursery Room:** Parents of infants and toddlers are invited to use the nursery room. The service can be heard there. Please ask an usher for directions.
- Sunday School:** At the present time we have no formal Sunday School program in place. We value and delight in ministry with children, and so we are in a time of exploration and experimentation and consultation around the shape this ministry might take at Tsawwassen United Church. If you have thoughts on this please speak to the minister. For the time being then, each Sunday we will inform you of the plans with the children that week.
- Fragrance Free Policy:** Tsawwassen United Church is a "fragrance free" building with regards to the scents that people wear.
- Sign-Up Sheets:** The sign-up sheets for counting, scripture reading and greeting, are posted on the bulletin board to the left of the nametags board in the narthex for referral and further signing-up.
- Large Print Bulletins:** There are large print bulletins available on the table in the narthex for the vision impaired.
- Assisted Listening:** There are assisted listening devices available on the table in the narthex for the hearing impaired. Please ask an usher for directions on where to sit so it can be plugged in.
- Bulletin Deadline:** Please note that the deadline for the bulletin is Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Announcements can be e-mailed to malmond@tsawwassenunited.org.
- E-Letters:** The minister sends weekly letters via e-mail to members of the congregation. Please make sure the minister has your e-mail address. The e-letters are also posted on the church website at www.tsawwassenunited.org/ministersletter.htm. For those without internet access a printed copy of the e-mail can be found on the table in the narthex.

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 24, 2008

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT T.U.C.

TODAY YES! Breakfast on SonDay – meet at **9:00 a.m.** in the TUC lounge to assemble and complete the Birthday Bag project.

Worship Service – at **10:00 a.m.**

Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference – Today we pray for the members of Kootenay Presbytery.

MON. Walking Group – meet at **9:15 a.m.** at the school track across from the church and walk for your health and have fun and fellowship while walking.

Lunch Bunch – meet at **11:00 a.m.** in the Lounge. Our special guests will be Habiba and Halima, who came from Afghanistan last September, and their sister Gulallai Sediqi. The sisters will soon be moving into a home of their own and we have planned this meeting as a “shower”. If you would like to bring a gift of a household item to help them get settled it would be greatly appreciated. Bring your sandwich and join in welcoming them. All women of the congregation are welcome.

WED. Junior Choir **4:00 p.m.**

THURS. Cherub Choir **4:30 p.m.**

Handbells **6:15 p.m.**

Choir **7:45 p.m.**

SAT. Lenten Reflection Group – meet at **10:30 a.m.** in the lounge.

SUN. Worship Service – at **10:00 a.m.** Scripture Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1–13; Psalm 23 (VU pg. 747–749); Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1–41.

Delta Hospital ECU Service – at **2:30 p.m.**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

➤ **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

It's TUC's turn to host the World Day of Prayer service. It will be held on **Friday, March 7th**, at **1:30 p.m.** Several other churches in the Tsawwassen–Ladner area will take part in this special service — Ladner United, Sacred Heart Catholic,

Benediction Lutheran, St. David's Anglican, Cedar Park Mennonite, All Saints Anglican. Rev. Rose-Hannah will be a special speaker. We hope you will plan to attend this ecumenical event. If you have any questions please phone Rhoda at 604-943-1674. In Canada the World Day of Prayer is sponsored by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. Their web address is www.wicc.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

► THANK YOU!

Thank you for the get well cards, telephone calls and flowers during my recent illness.

~ Rita Ingleson

► BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Doris Wasylyk has agreed to be involved in the Time with Children in our worship service on a regular (though not weekly) basis. What a great example of a person serving the church in an area where she clearly has passion and gifts! Thank you Doris!

► PASTORAL CARE DIVISION

There are many people involved in different areas of pastoral care for our congregation. Being a district leader is an opportunity to meet people and get to know them other than a "hello" on Sunday morning. You would be asked to contact a number of households three or four times a year to pass on information you have been given by a member of the Pastoral Care Division. If you are interested in becoming part of this caring outreach, please contact a member of the Pastoral Care Division for more information.

► TAX RECEIPTS

TUC's charitable tax receipts are available in the narthex. All receipts not picked up by Sunday, Feb. 24th, will be put in the mail on Monday, Feb. 25th.

► YES! ENCOUNTERS (INVITATION TO HELP)

- Child, youth or adult "nourishers"...provide a snack that includes a healthy food option at one youth event.
- Men...do you know how to canoe or kayak? We are planning a local canoeing trip near Ladner and need your help!
- Adult chocolate makers...to help the youth create sweets.
- Adult chocolate makers, cooks and bakers...do you have a passion for creating in the kitchen?

If the spirit moves you to help...contact Darlene at 604-946-0349 or rrainbow@telus.net.

► YES! WISH LIST (AN INVITATION TO DONATE!)

- Juice and packaged snacks to have on hand for youth.
- Hot chocolate mix pouches for Vivian House "Care Cups" .
- Donations of baking and chocolate making ingredients (flour, nuts, melting wafers, sugar)

If the Spirit moves you to donate items or money...contact Darlene at 604-946-0349 or rrainbow@telus.net

► **YES! IS GRATEFUL TO . . .**

- TUC's Men's Club...for donating the financial "ingredient" \$\$\$ to start the "Creating With the Spirit" Wednesday after school youth led outreach program.
- An anonymous donor of \$800 for the ongoing support of Tsawwassen's Creating With the Spirit.
- Ladner United Church...for increasing their Youth Budget to accommodate the growth of the Youth groups, commencing a Youth Bursary Fund and a training allowance for adult volunteers.
- Ladner & Tsawwassen United Churches for generously allowing for Youth programing in the 2008 budget.
- Darlene R...for providing greeting card making supplies.
- Darlene R...for completing her Standard First Aid course to be better prepared to care for the youth.

► **UPCOMING YES! (YOUTH ENCOUNTERING THE SPIRIT) EVENTS**

- Wednesday, February 27...Info night on crystal meth and other addictions at South Arm United in Richmond.
- Wednesday, March 5...Creating With the Spirit at Ladner United.
- Sunday, March 9...Breakfast on SonDay at Tsawwassen United.
- Spring Break...field trip to First United date TBA.
- Spring Break...Winter Survival program was cancelled by Mount Seymour, but may be rescheduled .
- Saturday, March 21...Religious Rap, Baking Communion Bread, Easter Egg Hunt, movie.

► **NEWSLETTER**

The next issue of the *The Voice*, the newsletter of TUC, will be distributed on Palm Sunday, March 16th. Submissions should be e-mailed to thevoice@tsawwassenunited.org by **Thursday, March 6th**.

► **UPPER ROOM**

The March/April issue of The Upper Room is available on the table in the narthex for \$2.00 each.

► **BC CONFERENCE GENERAL MEETING**

BC Conference (a) wants to bring the United Church's own **rEvolve** musicians to our General Meeting at Capilano College in May, and (b) wants to practice good stewardship of limited funds. **Can you help bring Chris Griffen and Gord Oaks from Edmonton, and Josh McHan from Montreal by donating your extra Aeroplan miles?** (The orange card, not the blue) If so, we hope you will contact Christine Ackermann in the Conference office soon. Phone 604.431.0434 x302 or email cackermann@bc.united-church.ca.

► **BOOK EXCHANGE**

The South Fraser Gogos will be holding a book exchange at TUC on Sunday, February 24th, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Bring your gently used, book club quality books to exchange together with your minimum \$20 donation. Donations support African grandmothers who are raising orphans of the AIDS pandemic; through the Stephen Lewis Foundation.



We recycle our bulletins. If you are not taking your bulletin home, please leave it in the basket on the narthex table.