

Tsawwassen United Church

4th Sunday of Easter

April 13, 2008, 10:00 AM

Easter is a fifty-day celebration of the 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

PRE-SERVICE: Handbells

PRELUDE: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

~ S. William Flynn

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN: God is Here

VU 389

CALL TO WORSHIP:

This is the season of Easter:

the celebration of resurrection,

the festival of hope,

the promise of new beginnings,

the dance of faith,

the song of joy,

the music of gladness,

the hymn of love.

Let us worship our life-giving God!

PRAYER OF OPENING

STORYTIME WITH THE CHILDREN *(with Doris Wasylyk)*

*HYMN: The Lord's My Shepherd

VU 747

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God, we confess that we often come to you reluctantly,

afraid of what we might have to give up

or change when we enter your presence.

In our reluctance,

we often miss opportunities for your grace to touch us,

and through us to touch others.

Touch us that we might be healed;

forgive us that we might be born again. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

READING: (*Reader: Lynne Meinert*)

Acts 2: 1–47

pew Bible N.T. page 112

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: “Once upon a time there was a group of disciples . . .”

*HYMN: Let Us Break Bread Together

VU 480

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- The Offering is Collected
- Announcements of the Congregation’s Life & Ministry
- Doxology: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
- Offering Prayer:

VU 541

You, O God, are the Easter One.

You are the holy source of resurrection.

You are the dancing spirit of life.

**We offer these gifts in gratitude for hope returned,
for the mystery of your grace,
and for the promise of resurrection.**

CHOIR’S ANTHEM: Lamb of God

~ *Twila Paris; arr. Lloyd Larson*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

VU 910

THE LAST WORD: 1 Peter 2: 19–25
(*Congregation may be seated.*)

pew Bible N.T. page 217

*CLOSING HYMN: You Call Us Out

VU 569

*COMMISSIONING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: May the Peace of God Be With Us

~ *Price & Besig*

POSTLUDE: Fleurs de Printemps

~ *Mercy Bartlett*

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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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:** Children are invited to participate in the Sunday School program, with our new coordinator, Brenda Miller.
- 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 name-tags 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.
- Minister's Hours:** The minister's work days are Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Days off are Monday and Friday. If you have pastoral concerns or would like a visit from the minister, Rose-Hannah, please notify the church office.

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 13, 2008

*The flowers on the communion table this morning are placed
in loving memory of Robert Weitzel.*

*Emilio, Catarina and Bruno da Silva have lovingly placed flowers in the
sanctuary this morning in memory of their Avo, Bruno Tavares da Silva,
who passed away on Friday, April 4, 2008.*

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

TODAY Kinsmen Service – at 9:30 a.m.

Handbells – pre-service at 9:40 a.m.

Worship Service with Sunday School – at 10:00 a.m.

Council Meeting – meet in the Lounge after the worship service.



Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference

– Today we pray for the members of Victoria 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.

WED. YES! Youth Group – Creating with the Spirit – from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Tsawwassen United. Please bring: large bottle(s) of shampoo and/or conditioner for First United.

Junior Choir 4:00 p.m.

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

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

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

SAT. Visioning Workshop #1, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Lunch Following
Please sign up on the clipboard on the narthex table.

SUN. Worship Service with Sunday School – at 10:00 a.m. Scripture Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (VU pg. 758 parts 1 and 3) 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14.



Invitation

*We want to catch your Dreams, Hopes, Visions
for Tsawwassen United Church*

Workshop #1

Saturday, April 19th, 10:00 a.m. –12:30 p.m.
lunch following the workshop

*This workshop will draw together your ideas for our church,
to create a vision and a focus for T.U.C.*

Please sign up on the clipboard on the table in the narthex.

- **MEN'S CLUB**

The next breakfast meeting of the Men's Club will be held on **Saturday, April 19, 2008**, at the Tsawwassen Golf Club. The speaker will be Norrie Paget and the topic will be "The Construction of the Canada Line". Time: **8:30 a.m.** Pre-breakfast coffee will be served.

- **VISIONING WORKSHOP #2, SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND, 12:00 TO 2:00 PM,
LUNCH FOLLOWING THE SERVICE**

After this workshop the Visioning Team together with the council hope to be able to take your vision into an action plan for Fall 2008.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ICE CREAM BUCKETS (4 LITRE SIZE)**

YES! — our youth program — has been turning out so many great meals for the homeless that we need to generate more 4 litre buckets for deliveries to First United. If you can spare them please drop them off at the Outreach table or room any time. It looks like this will be an ongoing need. Thanks for your support for the youth.

- **MEMBERSHIP**

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, April 27th. Please speak to Rose-Hannah if you are interested in transferring your membership to Tsawwassen United Church.

- **CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS**

Campbell's Labels for Education is a school support program whereby registered schools or institutions collect labels from Campbell product labels and redeem them for educational resources ranging from sports equipment and musical instruments to video equipment and computers. If you'd like to donate your labels please place them in the marked box on the shelf across from the ladies' washroom. They will be forwarded to the Oral Centre for Deaf Children.

- **“LIFT EVERY VOICE” ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

On **Sunday, April 20th, at 7:30 p.m.** at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. “Lift Every Voice” is a concert of praise and thanksgiving, which features different musical groups and choirs from the Christian community in South Delta. The music is interspersed with hymn singing and prayer. An offering will be received at the service in support of The Community Fund of Faith. This fund is used, under the direction of a group of Christians appointed from different churches, through the Ministerial to offer one time help to persons in the South Delta Community who find themselves in difficulty and cannot access help through any other means. Please plan to attend.

- **GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD . . . THE SPIRITUALITY OF BREAD-MAKING**

Presented by Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin at Ladner United Church on **Saturday, April 26th**. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. The program is from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Fee: \$20.00 (includes lunch). For information call 604-946-6254. *“Knead the Day Away!”*

- **MEETING POINT: THE QUR’AN AND THE BIBLE**

With Dr. Hanna Kassis, Professor Emeritus in Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies at UBC. Join Dr. Kassis for two rich evenings of learning, discussion and growth. On **April 29th, 7 pm**, at West Point Grey United Church, we will consider “The Qur’an and the Hebrew Bible”. On **May 6, 7 pm**, at Dunbar Heights United Church, we will turn to “The Qur’an and the Christian Testament.” All are welcome! For more information, call Dunbar Heights, Knox or West Point Grey United Churches.

- **MILES FOR MISSION, SUNDAY, MAY 4TH**

This is the 3rd year that First United Church Mission has participated in the Bank of Montreal Vancouver Marathon. Over the past two years Miles for Mission has raised over \$60,000. The contribution to First has been significant to help with the caring of and providing food and shelter for the hundreds of people that come to First United Church Mission everyday. This event has been a great way to promote fitness while raising awareness for the homeless people that live in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside. For more detailed information about the Bank of Montreal Vancouver Marathon and the variety of categories that can be entered for all ages and abilities, example: Kids Marafun and the 8K walk/run, please visit their website www.bmovanmaraton.ca. For detailed Miles for Mission information please visit First’s website www.frstunited.ca, click on Mile for Mission to view/print of registration, pledge forms and information sheets.



PEW CLEAN-UP

Can you help with pew clean-up? At the end of worship services please ensure that the pew is left tidy. If you are not taking your bulletin home, leave it in the basket on the narthex table. If you notice bulletins or other items left behind by others please remove them from the pews on your way out and place them on the narthex table.