

Tsawwassen United Church

6th Sunday of Easter, Camping Sunday

April 27, 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

PRELUDE: O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

~ Gerald Peterson

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH:

(loosely based on Psalm 66:8–20)

One: Do you hear it? Can you feel it?

All: **Do we hear what? Can we feel what?**

One: Rustling through tree branches; tickling the hairs on bare arms and exposed necks.

All: **What is it?**

One: The Spirit breathes into our hearts and invites us to listen and to come.

All: **Okay, but to what is the Spirit inviting us?**

One: You came, this morning, for what?

Children: **To play and to laugh and to hear the stories of Jesus.**

Women: **To find a spacious, holy place of equity and respect.**

Men: **To rest from self-imposed burdens in Jesus' arms.**

All: **To reconnect with friends and families and God.**

One: To those desires deep in your hearts, God is listening, affirming the covenant of faith gathering us all together.

All: **Yes! That's what we want: time with God—together.**

One: Then let us join together in prayer:

All: **We come fully into your heart, O God,
for we yearn to feel your movement within,
to hear your Spirit's leading in times of challenge,
to understand the stories of your reign of right relation,
to learn from the very ground of our being—you.
We come at your invitation with joyful praise. Amen.**

*HYMN: When I Needed a Neighbour

VU 600

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN *(with Brenda Miller)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(loosely based on 1 Peter 3:13–22)*

Do you ever feel at times like the whole world is against you?

Sure, but I try to do and to say the right things.

Isn't it just easier sometimes to cave in, and take the easy path?

I have to admit, there have been times....

And?

Then I suffer even more,

for it seems that when I do evil I hurt more.

I feel separated from God and from others.

So there have been times when you've chosen the wrong path?

There have.

How's it feel?

Awful! I want that feeling taken away.

I want to feel clean once more.

Me too, so let's lay down the burden of brokenness,
confessing them to God in prayer.

(Silent Prayer)

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

ASSURANCE OF GRACE: *(loosely based on 1 Peter 3:13–22)*

How do you feel now?

I feel more peaceful, more centred, more alive.

Why?

In laying myself open and vulnerable to God,

I found unconditional love and an invitation into wholeness.

Was it like receiving baptism into a renewed relationship?

**Yes, like Jesus' own Spirit was blowing out the cobwebs of certainty
and leading me into a place of new life and of discovery.**

Sounds scary...

Maybe so, but I'm not alone,

for the risen Christ walks with and in me.

Cool!

Amen!

READING: *(Reader: Keith Crocker)*

Acts 17:22–31

pew Bible N.T. page 130

*HYMN: O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

VU 560

READING: John 14:15–21

pew Bible N.T. page 104

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CHOIR'S ANTHEM:

Concertato on "All Creatures of Our God and King"

~ Hal H. Hopson

Handbells: Marcie Henry, Michele McLaurin, Melanie Williams

SERMON: "All You Need is Love"

*HYMN: In Christ There is No East or West

VU 606

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 VU 541
- Offering Prayer:
**We come together as one, O God, presenting our gifts.
You call us into discipleship and you send us out to serve,
so bless us and our gifts,
that we may tear down walls of injustice,
that we may walk with those who are wounded,
that we may love our neighbours as ourselves. Amen.**

Reception of New Members

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

New members are invited to come forward to face the congregation.

READING: I Corinthians 12:12–27 (*One body with many members*)

The church is a community of people with varied gifts,
united by the Holy Spirit.

We gather to celebrate God's presence,
to discern God's truth,
and to follow the way of Jesus.

By our baptism we are made members of Christ's church.

We exercise this membership
in the denomination to which we belong,
which for us is The United Church of Canada,

and within the context of a local community of faith.
We are now to welcome into this congregation
one who is already a member/those who are already members
of the church of Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION: *(with George Sambell)*

On behalf of the Tsawwassen United Church congregation,
I present the following persons
whom we welcome into the membership
of this community of faith:

David and Erin Blewitt
Glenn and Carol Faris
Malcolm and Ada Kempton
Doug and Elva MacLennan

COMMITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS:

David, Erin, Glenn, Carol, Malcolm, Ada, Doug and Elva,
will you join with us
as together we celebrate God's presence,
live with respect in creation,
love and serve others,
seek justice and resist evil?
I will, with God's help.

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT:

The people stand and pledge their support with the following words:

**Dear friends in Christ,
let us pledge to these persons our support and care.
As your brothers and sisters in Christ,
we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.
We pledge to you our love and our support.
With God's help, we will together live out
the mission and ministry of Christ's church.**

CORPORATE PROFESSION OF FAITH

VU 918 (bottom)

WELCOME:

In the name of Jesus Christ,
we welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities
of membership in this congregation.
We give thanks to God for your witness among us.

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH:

All who are united in the covenant of baptism
are the Body of Christ in the world. Go in peace.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

VU 916 (*bottom*)

*CLOSING HYMN: Will You Come and Follow Me

VU 567

*COMMISSIONING:

As we breathe, the Spirit breathes in us.

We go forth to share that inspiration with the world.

As we live, the risen Christ lives within us.

We go forth to proclaim the Good News of Jesus.

As we give of ourselves, God's grace transforms us.

**We go forth to transform the world as disciples,
one loving relationship at a time.**

*BENEDICTION: May the Peace of God Be With Us

~ *Don Besig & Nancy Price*

(The congregation is invited to sing.)

As we leave this quiet place, the light of Christ will guide us.

As we share His truth and grace, our Lord will walk beside us.

May the peace of God be with us as we live and serve in faith, in faith.

May the love of Christ within us show in all we do and say.

Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Woodland Song

~ *David Paxton*

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:** 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.

Contacts

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 27, 2008

*The flowers on the communion table this morning are placed
by Margaret Callan in loving memory of her husband, Les Callan,
and brother, Harry Wilson.*

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

TODAY

YES! Breakfast on SonDay – at **10:00 a.m.** at T.U.C.

Worship Service with Sunday School – at **10:00 a.m.** We will be receiving the following people through transfer of membership: David and Erin Blewitt, Glenn and Carol Faris, Malcolm and Ada Kempton, Doug and Elva MacLennan.

Congregational Meeting – immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service today. To discuss a proposal from Bell Mobility.

Delta Hospital E.C.U. Service – at **2:30 p.m.** The Junior, Cherub and Handbell Choirs will be presenting “The Creation”.



Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference
– Today we pray for Steveston & the Reverend Rick Taylor.

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 in the Lounge at **11:00 a.m.** and bring a bag lunch. Bring new ideas for future meetings. 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.**

NEXT SUN.

Worship Service with Sunday School – at **10:00 a.m.** Scripture Readings: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (VU pg. 787); 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11. Rev. Gordon Verplank will be leading the service.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

- **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The senior youth are preparing a pancake breakfast/brunch to be held after the church service on **Sunday, May 25th**. The money raised will be for a bursary fund to support post secondary education for children of needy families in our community. Donations above \$5 will receive a tax receipt.

- **GARAGE SALE**

You can begin to set aside your contributions — the T.U.C. garage sale is on for **Saturday, May 31!** We'll let you know at a later time when you can start dropping items off at the church. More details to come. Coordinators are Lynne Meinert and Marleen Soutar.

- **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

- **A LITTLE BIT ABOUT BRENDA MILLER**

Several members of TUC have been asking about my experience, my education, and just what is "Diaconal Ministry"? So, I thought I'd write a little bit about myself.....I have been a member of Gilmore Park United Church (Richmond) for the past 15 years, and am in the fifth, and final, year of my theological education. I am a Diaconal Ministry student, and hope to be commissioned in March 2009. I have been attending the Centre for Christian Studies in Winnipeg since 1994, as this is the only Diaconal training school in Canada. The United Church has two orders of ministry; diaconal and ordained. While ordained ministers are called to a ministry of word, sacrament, and pastoral care, Diaconal Ministers are called to a ministry of education, social justice, and pastoral care. Diaconal Ministers sometimes work in team ministry, but are also called to congregations as the sole pastor. The diaconal style of education is very hands on, with lots of field experience.

For many years I was a part of the youth ministry at Gilmore Park, and most recently I was the temporary Children and Youth Minister at South Arm United while the Coordinator was away. As education is one of the areas I feel called to, I am happy to be a part of the Tsawwassen United Church Sunday School for the next few months.

This is only a brief overview of my journey the past few years, so please feel invited to ask me any questions you may have. I give God thanks for the opportunity to get to know the children and families of Tsawwassen United!

Blessings, Brenda

- **ROSE-HANNAH AWAY**

Rose-Hannah will be away from April 30th til May 17th. She will be teaching for the first week in the training programme for Interim Ministers that is sponsored by the National United Church. This course is to be held at Arnprior, Ontario.

Following that, she will take vacation time to visit her parents and sister in Fre-

derickton, New Brunswick. Rev. Gordon Verplank will lead worship May 4th and Leona has a treat for you on May 11th!

- **LIFT EVERY VOICE**

Last Sunday evening \$1600 was made at the ecumenical concert *Lift Every Voice* which Leona helps organize each year.

This money goes to the ecumenical fund called The Community Fund of Faith. It is used to help those in Tsawwassen and Ladner who come to the churches asking for financial assistance.

Our very own Joanne Harris was in at the start of this fund and remains in many ways the “face” of The Community Fund of Faith.

This is another example of how our members, like Joanne Harris and Leona Prowse, quietly work away at projects they are passionate about year after year. That’s one of the very special aspects of our ministry at Tsawwassen United! Thanks Joanne and Leona!

- **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.

- **WANTED — SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONER**

Youth Encountering the Spirit need large bottles of shampoo and conditioner. They will repackage them into smaller containers, label them and donate them to First United Mission.

- **YOUTH ENCOUNTERING THE SPIRIT (YES!)**

YES! In Gratitude to:

- Nellie B and Carol F for nourishing the youth with an inventory of packaged snacks.
- Scott, Kevin, Linda and Matthew for creating 100 servings of Rockin’™ Moroccan stew and filling 90 small bottles with shampoo, hair conditioner and laundry soap. Yeah team!
- Carol F, Debbie M and Darlene R for hosting Creating With the Spirit “A Taste of Africa”.
- Jim & Cathy for the loan of their van for a field trip to an African Village experience @Trinity Western.

YES! Upcoming Events

April 27 – Breakfast on SonDay at Tsawwassen United.

April 27 – “Out of Africa” JC’s Religious Rap & Pizza: lively percussion rhythms and discussion.

May 7 – Creating With the Spirit at Ladner United.

May 8 – YES outing to SDSS theatre production “Grease”.



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