

Tsawwassen United Church

4th Sunday After Pentecost

June 8, 2008, 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: You Are All In All

~ Dennis Jernigan; arr. by Jerry Ray

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN: Praise the Lord With the Sound

VU 245

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF OPENING

JUNIOR & CHERUB CHOIRS: This Little Light of Mine ~ arr. by Mark Patterson

*HYMN: God of The Sparrow

VU 229

INVITATION TO CONFESSION: Spirit of the Living God

VU 376, v. 1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Giver of life, in the midst of a plundered earth we groan with creation:

have mercy on us.

Giver of life, in the midst of poisoned waters we groan with creation:

have mercy on us.

Giver of life, in the midst of polluted air we groan with creation:

have mercy on us.

Giver of life in the midst of mountains of waste we groan with creation:

have mercy on us.

Giver of life, in the midst of a world at war we groan with creation:

have mercy on us.

Giver of life, we who are made in the image of God have gone astray,
and creation groans with us:

have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

PSALM 33

VU 760

GOSPEL READING: *(Reader: Doris Wasylyk)*

Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

pew Bible N.T. page 8

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "Faith, Hope and Obedience"

*HYMN: Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

VU 378

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CHOIR'S ANTHEM: My Jesus, I Love Thee

~ arr. by Paul Sjolund

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

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE LAST WORD: Romans 4:13–25

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*CLOSING HYMN: We Praise You, O God

VU 218

*COMMISSIONING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: *(The congregation is invited to sing.)*

May the Peace of God Be With Us

~ Don Besig & Nancy Price

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: Raise the Sound of Praise

~ Edward Broughton

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.

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*The flowers on the communion table this morning are placed by
Jack and Shirley Rutherford and Mabel Dermody
in loving memory of their parents, Fred and Alice White.*

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

- TODAY** **Kinsmen Centre Service** – at **9:30 a.m.**
- Worship Service with Sunday School** – at **10:00 a.m.** The Junior and Cherub Choirs will be singing.
- Information Session** – immediately following the service, regarding the Bell Mobility proposal.



Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference – Today we pray for all church staff in Vancouver South Presbytery – custodians, organists, office persons and other forms of support staff.

- 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.
- TUE.** **Council Meeting** – at **7:00 p.m.** in the Lounge.
- WED.** **Junior Choir**..... **4:00 p.m.** (last rehearsal til Sept. 10th)
- THURS.** **Cherub Choir**..... **4:30 p.m.** (last rehearsal til Sept. 10th)
- Handbells**..... **6:15 p.m.**
- Choir**..... **7:45 p.m.**
- FRI.** **Love South Delta** – “Kick-Off” at St. David’s Church at **7:00 p.m.**
- SAT.** **Love South Delta** – “Kindness Explosion”. Meet at St. David’s at **9:30 a.m.**
- Love South Delta** – “Worship Celebration” at **7:00 p.m.** at Cedar Park Church.



NEXT SUN. Handbells – The Handbell Choir will be playing pre-service at **9:30 a.m.**

“Celebration Sunday” Worship Service – at 10:00 a.m.

Come and celebrate with the family and friends of Tsawwassen United Church! During the worship service we plan to honour our graduates, teachers, leaders, and children. We will celebrate a special anniversary with Rose-Hannah, and give thanks for a number of important events and people. The Handbells will be playing. Scripture Readings: Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12 (VU pg. 760); Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26.

Church Picnic – Following worship there will be a hot dog and ice cream picnic lunch for everyone.

Please join us! If you would like to volunteer to help set-up or help during the picnic, please see Brenda. We are looking for cooks, ice cream cone makers, and some help with games. Thank you so much in advance!



UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

- **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.

- **LUNCH BUNCH**

Ladies! Join us for an exciting day, **June 30th**, when we take the ferry, “Coastal Inspiration”, to Duke Point (Nanaimo). Meet at **9:00 a.m.** at the church, where volunteer drivers will take us to the ferry terminal. We’ll leave Tsawwassen at 10:15 a.m. and arrive at Duke Point at 12:15 p.m. We can stay on the ferry and leave there at 12:45 p.m. No bag lunches today! We’ll check out their food facilities for lunch, and arrive back at Tsawwassen at 2:45 p.m. Hopefully, our volunteer drivers will be there to bring us back to the church. Please call Jean, 604-948-9880, or Joanne, 604-943-4326, if you would like to take this last “outing” of the summer, on June 30th. (We would like to have an idea how many ladies will be going so we can arrange rides.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **FIRE DRILL**

There will be a fire drill at TUC at some point during the week of June 2 to June 8.

- **GARAGE SALE**

With sincere thanks from the Garage Sale Team, we are pleased to let you know that we deposited \$1,084.85. Well done, everyone!

- **REMINDER FOR PARENTS**

June 8 is the last Sunday School class for the summer. Brenda will be here to spend time with the children during worship until the end of June. Don’t forget the picnic on Celebration Sunday! If you have any questions or concerns, please see Brenda Miller.



- **LOVE SOUTH DELTA**

On **Saturday, June 14**, you are invited to participate in the inter-denominational Love South Delta event that will take place 10:30-12:30. There are a variety of projects that you can participate in and pre-registration is required on the sign-up sheets posted in the Outreach corner outside of the church hall. This was a really fun event last year and many members from TUC participated and enjoyed themselves immensely. If you have any questions please contact Monica Robson at 604-943-8990 or robsons@canada.com. Hope to see you there!

- **MORE VOICES**

The United Church of Canada has published a supplement to our hymn book called "More Voices". This new resource contains 225 exciting and uplifting hymns and will be a great addition to our Sunday worship. We had the opportunity to try a few of these hymns during 2006. Please consider making a Memorial Donation towards the purchase of 225 new hymn books. The cost of each book is \$15.00. If you use envelopes mark "Other— Hymn Book" on the front. If you use pre-authorized remittance donate by writing a cheque to TUC and putting "Hymn Book" on the memo line. A gift plate will be placed in the front of each book commemorating your gift. For further info, please call our Director of Music, Leona Prowse, at 604-943-2911.

LADNER FOOD BANK SCHOOL BAG PROJECT

Many people in the congregation will be familiar with an annual Outreach project that involves providing needy families in South Delta a backpack full of the school supplies a child needs to start or return to school in September. We work with the Ladner Food Bank who locates the families in need. Our target is the working poor as income assistance does provide a school allowance but in most cases it does not cover all the costs.

This year the food bank has identified 20 such families with children from kindergarten to grade 4. Our approach is to ask our congregation for cash donations so we can buy the supplies required by Delta schools. We shop hard for bargains but even so each bag retails at about \$35. If you are moved to contribute to the project, please mark your cheques or envelopes "school bags".

Our target delivery date is the last week in August. Shopping has to be done by mid July. We deliver the completed bags to the food bank and our contacts there quietly deliver the bags to the homes of the children to preserve their dignity. We buy the same quality of supplies as any other kid in Delta has to return to school. Sometimes we receive pictures of the children without names and the looks on their faces is our collective return on investment.

