

Tsawwassen United Church

5th Sunday After Pentecost

June 15, 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

PRE-SERVICE: Handbells

PRELUDE: Children's Medley

~ arr. Marilyn Hamm

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN: We Are One

VU 402

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God has given us this beautiful earth, all that grows, all that lives upon it.

Thanks be to God.

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

Thanks be to God.

God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

PRAYER OF OPENING:

Come to us, Holy God, as we gather before you;

encircle us with your love.

Bless us with your sustaining presence;

surround us with your grace.

Draw us 'round your living Word,

and bind us to one another as disciples of Christ,

whose Spirit is in our midst.

Amen.

STORYTIME WITH THE CHILDREN *(with Brenda Miller)*

PSALM 100

VU 820

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God, we ask for living water, but dip our buckets in old wells.

We offer dried crusts and stale water,

while complaining that no one will come to our banquet.

Forgive us, O God, for our stale words, stale prayers, stale dreams.

Forgive us, O God, for turning up our noses at your water,

cool and crisp, that brings new life.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

SCRIPTURE READING: *(Reader: Brianna Almond)*

1 Corinthians 12:12–27

pew Bible N.T. page 164

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "Something to Celebrate"

*HYMN: My Life Flows On

VU 716

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CHOIR'S ANTHEM: His Eye is on the Sparrow

~ arr. Jack Schrader

Solo: Sandra Timus

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

Through these gifts, O God,

may all heed the voice of justice,

hear the call to compassion,

embrace the way of sharing,

and know solidarity with the loving Christ. Amen.

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY *(with Brenda Miller)*

*HYMN: Halle, Halle, Halle

VU 958

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE LAST WORD: *(Reader: Jason Almond)*

Psalm 150

*CLOSING HYMN: You Shall Go Out With Joy

VU 884

*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Handbells — Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus ~ arr. Linda R. Lamb

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.
- 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

June 15, 2008

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are in loving memory of
Ken Jane and Frank Riedl, from the Jane and Riedl families.*

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

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

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

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.

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



Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C.

Conference – Today we pray for Wilson Heights — the Reverend Blake Fields & Staff Associate Rosemary Collins.

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.

THURS. Handbells..... 6:15 p.m.
Choir..... 7:45 p.m.

NEXT SUN. Worship Service – at **10:00 a.m.** Scripture Readings: Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 (VU pg. 803); Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39.

Visioning Workshop #2 – **12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** See advertisement on next page.



Invitation

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

Workshop #2

Sunday, June 22nd, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

(the workshop will be preceded by a soup and bun lunch)

Please stay to be part of this final stage of our visioning process.

The Council wants your voice to be part of the discussion!

In July, short and long-term plans will be chosen by Council.

• 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

• HOUSE HUNT

Rose-Hannah is looking for a comfortable, bright, self-contained suite or apartment to rent in Tsawwassen or Ladner by September 1st. The perfect situation would be one or two-bedrooms, bright and quiet with access to a small garden for between \$800-\$1,000 per month. If you come across any "fnds" or have suggestions, please contact Rose-Hannah at 604-943-2911 or e-mail rose-hannah@tsawwassenunited.org.

• PRESBYTERY MINUTES

The May minutes from Vancouver South's Presbytery meeting are posted in the narthex.

• OBSERVER

The June *Observer*, our national church magazine, is available for borrowing. See the box in the narthex under the bulletin board.

• MORE VOICES

If you wish to make a memorial donation to Tsawwassen United Church please consider the supplement to our hymn book called "More Voices". 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.

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

A heartfelt thank you to the "family members" of Ladner and Tsawwassen United Churches for their nurturing of the Senior Youth's Ministry – YES! We have appreciated your sharing of time, energy, talents, food, donations in kind and money. An extra special thank you to the regular adult volunteers – John Clement, Carol Faris, Debbie Mitchell, Darlene Rainbow, Monica Robson, Diane Schmidt and Josephine Waymark. YEAH TEAM!

YES! In Gratitude to:

- Janet Walsh for passionately sharing healing colours, touch and sound at Breakfast on SonDay.
- Jo Waymark for nourishing YES with freshly baked breakfast treats.
- Youth - Andrew and Scott for volunteering at the TUC garage sale.

YES! Upcoming Events

Summer vacation....have fun!!!

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.

