

Tsawwassen United Church

St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

June 29, 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: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

~ arr. by Mark Hayes

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN: There’s a Spirit in the Air

VU 582

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We have gathered to worship God.

We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.

We have come to open ourselves to the power of God’s presence in our midst.

**We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives,
and to ask God’s help in our learning and in our growing.**

PRAYER OF OPENING

O Holy Spirit, Breath of God, blow in our lives this day.

Fill us with the freshness of your living love.

Cleanse and renew us that we might go from this place,
ready to be your people in the world. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER *(with Brenda Miller)*

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION: God, Reveal Your Presence

VU 391

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God, you made us in your image,

with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you.

**But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant,
our obedience incomplete.**

Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.

In your tender love, forgive.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

SCRIPTURE READING: (Reader: Bob Tarlton)

Psalm 13

Matthew 10: 40–42

VU 734

pew Bible N.T. page 10

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "The Sacred Ministry of Hospitality"

*HYMN: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

VU 681

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CHOIR'S ANTHEM: We'll Sing And Shout

~ Eliza Hewitt and Dennis Allen

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- The Offering is Collected
- Announcements of the Congregation's Life & Ministry
- Doxology: In Gratitude and Humble Trust VU 544 (Tune 518)
- Offering Prayer

RELEASING BRENDA MILLER AT THE COMPLETION OF THE PILOT PROJECT

Council Representative: In this time of visioning and dreaming, Tsawwassen United created a pilot project for leadership with the youngest members of the congregation, and to discern what the future might be for the children of Tsawwassen United. It was decided that someone would be called to fill that role, and Brenda Miller began working with the children on April 1st. Brenda will share her ideas and visions at a date sometime in July. Brenda, we rejoice in your gifts, and thank you for the time you have shared with the children, and indeed the whole congregation of Tsawwassen United. Today we release you from our midst, as the project has come to an end.

Congregation: **The Spirit works in different ways in each one of us. God achieves holy purposes through each of these gifts. We thank you, and as you leave this place, we wish God's blessing for you, now and always. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE LAST WORD: Romans 6: 12–23

pew Bible N.T. page 147

*CLOSING HYMN: Shall We Gather at the River

VU 710

*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

Walk With Me

VU 649 (refrain only, sung twice)

POSTLUDE: Little Brown Church

~ Robert J. Hughes

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

www.tsawwassenunited.org

693 53rd Street, Delta, BC ❖ 604-943-2911 ❖ E-mail: info@tsawwassenunited.org
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.
- Children in Church:** There will be no formal church school program until September. There will be activity bags available at the front.
- 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 June 29, 2008

*The flowers on the communion table today
are placed by Ollie Day in loving memory of Karen and Ken.*

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

TODAY Worship Service – at 10:00 a.m.



Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C.

Conference – Today we pray for the ministry of United Church Camps: Fircom, Grafton, Hurlburt, Koolaree, Pringle, Cultus Lake, Mackenzie, Moorecroft, Rock Lake.

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 – If you would be interested in taking the ferry trip, Tsawwassen to Duke Point, on **Monday, June 30th**, please call Jean, 604-948-9880 or Joanne, 604-943-4326. All ladies are welcome. *Don't forget to bring your Senior's Gold Card!*



NEXT SUN. Worship Service – at **10:00 a.m.** Scripture Readings: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17 (VU pg. 769); or Psalm 72 (VU pg. 790); Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **PRESBYTERY**

Our Presbytery is looking for people to sit on the property committee. This is the committee that is concerned with all matters having to do with church buildings in our presbytery, for example, approving plans congregations have for renovations and re-development. If you would like to know more please speak to Marleen Soutar or Rose-Hannah.

- **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

If you would like to learn more about *your* spiritual gifts, the minister has a questionnaire that will help identify these gifts. Please contact Rose-Hannah to make an appointment to talk about this.

- **DUTY OF CARE**

Are you the sort of person who is good at reading policies and working out ways to apply them? The United Church of Canada has an important policy on the Duty of Care for churches. We need one person or a couple who would undertake a short-term project for TUC — of reading through the policy and making specific recommendations to Council regarding applications. Please contact Rose-Hannah for more information.

- **MORE VOICES**

“More Voices”, the supplement to our current hymn book is now in its second printing. Please consider donating to the purchase of this supplement through a Memorial Gift to TUC via your envelope. For further info, call Leona at 604-943-2911 or Mary in the church office.

- **PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE (PAR)**

Tsawwassen United Church has ongoing financial commitments throughout the year, even when congregation members are away during the summer months. Using the PAR system for your church offering is a convenient way to take care of your regular commitments to the church month by month.

If you choose to participate in this program your account will be debited on or about the 20th of the month and TUC's account credited with the amount payable from all members who participate.

If you'd like to participate please pick up one of the PAR brochures on the table in the narthex. There is a form in it to fill out which can be placed in your giving envelope (along with a void cheque) and then placed in the collection plate.

- **VST/CHALMERS SUMMER SCHOOL ~ HOME FOR THE SUMMER**

On July 7-25, 2008, VST's Chalmers Summer School celebrates our local cultural diversity featuring outstanding faculty. Please visit the VST website: www.vst.edu to view the brochure and to register online. Ph: 604-822-9815

- **CARMAN J. PRICE SINGS THE MUSIC OF GERSHWIN AND PORTER**

On July 11, at 8pm, at the Equinox Theatre, join tenor vocalist Carman J. Price, pianist Lorne Kellett and a swinging band for an evening of classic jazz standards. The Delta Community Music School in partnership with Vancity Savings is extending an offer of complimentary tickets to the seniors at Tsawwassen United Church for this event. A total of 250 complimentary tickets will be offered. It will be on a 'first come first served' basis. For info visit www.southdel-tajazzfestival.com.

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.



SUMMER HOURS



Please note from July 21st to August 8th the church office will be closed.
For the rest of the summer it will be open from **9:00 a.m.** to **12:00 p.m.**