

Tsawwassen United Church

17th Sunday After Pentecost

September 7, 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: Hour of Worship

~ Sylvia K. Riggs

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN: Let Us With a Gladsome Mind

VU 234

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Holy One! Good Morning!

As the morning sun warms our faces,

may our eyes be opened to receive your strength.

As birdsong dances in through an open window,

may our eyes be opened to receive your beauty.

As the breeze carries the scent of a good breakfast,

may our eyes be opened to receive your blessings.

As we gather as a community in celebration,

may our eyes be opened to receive your love.

As we consider our choices for the day before us,

may our eyes be opened to our role in creation.

Lead us in the direction of your gracious embrace. **Amen!**

PRAYER OF OPENING:

Holy One, we enter into this precious worship time together as “first-timers,” “long-timers,” “members,” “visitors,” “seekers,” “leaders,” and “followers.” And as “children,” we eagerly await the Story that will sweep us up and carry us into your kingdom of justice beyond legality, love beyond recognition, and joy beyond reason.

Some of us have heard that Jesus might pass by this way today.

We have brought our curiosity, our concerns, our confessions, our causes, and our questions.

Open our hearts to the possibility of meeting Jesus. Open our eyes so that we might recognize him. Guide us in deciding what we might say to him, do for him, ask of him. Prepare us for what Jesus might ask of us. Create in us the trust, humility, and boldness of a blind beggar who has “nothing to lose.” When we stumble, may your word keep us on the path, guiding us toward the heart of grace.

As we go forward, help us to recognize the blessing in each step. Above all, loving God, remind each of us that others are stumbling, too. Let compassion connect us to each other and to you, in sincerity, faith and joy. Amen.

STORYTIME WITH THE CHILDREN: Exodus 1: 8–2:10
(children to come forward)

*HYMN: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me VU 575

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 3: 1–15 pew Bible O.T. page 48

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18: 15–20 pew Bible N.T. page 18

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "Jesus Talks About Conflict"

*HYMN: O Christian, Love VU 594

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CHOIR'S ANTHEM: Where Two Are Gathered In My Name ~ *Robt. W. Thygerson*

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- The Offering is Collected
- Announcements of the Congregation's Life & Ministry
- Doxology: Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands VU 537
- Offering Prayer

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE LAST WORD: Romans 13: 8–14 pew Bible N.T. page 153

*CLOSING HYMN: Blest Be the Tie That Binds VU 602

*COMMISSIONING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: May the Blessing of God Be Upon You VU 429

POSTLUDE: Go Out With Praise ~ *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.
- 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 and scripture reading are posted on the bulletin board to the left of the nametags 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 admin@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

September 7, 2008

The flowers on the communion table today are placed by Earle Barbour to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Muriel.

The flowers in the flower stand have been placed in loving memory of Marv Lohnes by Kay and family

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

TODAY **Worship Service – at 10:00 a.m.**

Congregational Meeting – There will be a congregational meeting today following worship to receive the report of the Joint Search Committee regarding their search for a part-time Minister for Children and Families. Rev. Wendy Bily will chair the meeting on behalf of the Pastoral Relations Committee of Vancouver South presbytery.



Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C.

Conference – Today we pray for paid accountable Ministry staff who are beginning new pastoral relationships and their congregations.

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** – meet at **7:00 p.m.** in the Lounge.

WED. **Junior Choir..... 3:30 p.m.**

THURS. **Handbells..... 6:15 p.m.**

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

NEXT SUN. **Kinsmen Service – at 9:30 a.m.**

Worship Service – at 10:00 a.m. Scripture Readings: Exodus 14:19-31; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 (VU pg. 876); Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

- **MEN'S CLUB BARBECUE**

A new season of Men's Club activities will begin with our annual barbecue at the home of Floyd and Mary Wartnow (4976 2nd Avenue) on **Friday, September 19th**, starting at **6:00 p.m.**

It is always a most enjoyable evening and all men of the congregation are most welcome to attend. If you are not a current member of the Men's Club please let one of the following know that you will be attending — Bill Williams (604-943-7262) or Kent Humphrey (604-940-0112). Members of the Men's Club will be telephoned in advance as is usual



- **YOUTH ENCOUNTERING THE SPIRIT EVENT**

On **Sunday, September 21, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**, there will be a **Psalm Writing Workshop** at TUC for youth (ages 13 to 19). The facilitator is Ray McGinnis, author of the book *Writing the Sacred*. Ray uses his book as a starting place to explore the connections between writing, the sacred, and poetry. He introduces Psalms and then in a very fun way leads the group in the writing of their own Psalms. People who wish may purchase a copy of his book at the event. All youth are welcome to attend.

- **PRAYER WRITING WORKSHOP**

There will be a Prayer Writing Workshop for this congregation with Ray McGinnis on **Saturday, October 11th**, from **10AM to 2PM** at TUC. Lunch will be provided.

- **FALL FAIR**

The Fall Fair will be on **Saturday, October 18th**, this year. It's time to start cleaning out your storage space, cupboards and garages of all the valuable items that someone else might cherish! Please bring in your empty jam and relish jars now so they can be filled and sold at the Fair. We have no storage space at the Church for anything else and ask that you bring items in the week of the Fair.

- **EARLY NOTICE OF A SPECIAL EVENT**

Two of our congregation are close to welcoming new arrivals in their homes. Sheri and Sunny Obera in December, and Erin and David Blewitt in September. A baby shower for these two new members is scheduled for **November 9th** after the Sunday service. All knitters, sewers and shoppers are asked to mark this date on your calendars and contact Donna Mullan, Jean Ryan, or Jean Stuart about how you can help with food or decorating. A sign up sheet will be made available closer to the date.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **COUNTING**

For anyone interested in learning or getting refreshed on the counting procedure Glen Stanger will be happy to train during the month of September. Please call Jan McLaurin at 604-943-4344. There is a sign-up sheet for Counters on the bulletin board next to the coat hangers by the rear door.

- **MORE VOICES**

Please consider donating to the purchase of the new supplement to *Voices United*. We have reached our half-way target to purchase 200 books. If you would like to contribute, please mark "Hymn Books" in the "Other" portion of your envelope. Please call Leona or the church office for more info.

- **BRIDGE**

The church round-robin bridge is getting organized for this year. We are a friendly group and welcome anyone who would like to join us. Please contact Mary Richardson at 604-943-3210 or Ellen Weitzel at 604-943-4959. We will be making out the member list in a few weeks.



- **COUNTRY FAIR**

South Arm United Church (#3 Rd. & Steveston Highway, Richmond) is holding its 49th Annual Country Fair on **Saturday, September 20th, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM**. There will be hay rides, carnival games, face painting, a cake walk, food, entertainment, a quilting display, crafts, home baking, a silent auction, strawberry shortcake, plus their biggest garage sale ever. Free admission and parking.

- **YOUNG ADULT WORSHIP SERVICE**

The first Fall Young Adult Worship Service will be held on **Sunday, September 14th, at 7:30 PM**, at Lakeview MultiCultural United Church at 2776 Semli Drive. (That's right on 12th Avenue just one block east of Victoria Drive.)

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.



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