

Tsawwassen United Church

Last Sunday After Epiphany / Transfiguration Sunday

Feb. 22, 2009, 10:00 AM

*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: The Light of Life

~ Gilbert M. Martin

PROCESSING THE BIBLE AND CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN: Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

VU 336

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jesus went to the mountain and was changed. Transformed.

But change is hard for us.

You call us, O God, to change our lives.

But change is hard for us.

You call us, O God, to change our hearts.

But change is hard for us.

You call us, O God, to change our thinking.

But change is hard for us.

Open our lives, our hearts, our thinking,

Open us, O God, to your loving changes.

OPENING PRAYER:

God of power and wonder,

we are awestruck by the glory of your presence.

We rejoice at what we can see; we marvel at what we cannot see.

You dazzle us with your brightness;

you overshadow us as with a great cloud.

Loving, protecting, challenging, nurturing,

you strengthen and transform us. May we may love and serve you,

in all that we are and do. Glory be to you. Amen.

JUNIOR CHOIR: As a Little Child

~ Joseph M. Martin

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (*with Brenda Miller*)

HYMN: I Can Feel You Near Me God

MV 48

PRAYER FOR RESTORING LIFE:

Eternal Light

shine in our hearts;

Eternal Goodness,

deliver us from evil;

Eternal Power,
be our support;
Eternal Wisdom,
scatter the shadows of our ignorance;
Eternal Compassion,
**have mercy on us; that with heart and mind and soul and strength
we may seek your face, and be brought by your infinite mercy
to the Holy Presence; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE: Alleluia

MV 50

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

SCRIPTURE: *(Reader: Jan McLaurin)*

2 Kings 2:1–12

pew Bible O.T. page 325

Mark 9:2–9

pew Bible N. T. page 42

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "Transformation is Hazardous"

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN: We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

VU 104

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CHOIR'S ANTHEM: This Little Light of Mine

~ *arr. by Mark Hayes*

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- The Offering is Collected
- Announcements of the Congregation's Life & Ministry
- *Doxology: Now Thank We All Our God VU 236, vs. 3
- Offering Prayer

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

VU 914 (right side)

*CLOSING HYMN: Let There Be Light

VU 679

THE LAST WORD: 2 Corinthians 4:5&6

pew Bible N.T. page 170

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Lead On, O King Eternal

~ *Franklin Ritter*

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 22, 2009

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

TODAY **Worship Service** – at **10:00 a.m.** The Junior Choir will be singing.



Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference – Today we pray for the members of Kootenay Presbytery.

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.

WED. **Lunch Bunch** – meet at **11:00 a.m.** in the Lounge. See notice below.

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

Ash Wednesday Worship Service – at **7:00 p.m.**

THURS. **Choir**..... **7:45 p.m.**

NEXT SUN. **Worship Service** – at **10:00 a.m.**

Scripture readings: Genesis 9:8–17; Psalm 25:1–10 (VU pg. 752);
1 Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1:9–15.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

• LUNCH BUNCH

The ladies of T.U.C. will be meeting on **WEDNESDAY, February 25th**. We will meet in the sanctuary at **11:00 a.m.** where Rev. Jim Short will show a

PowerPoint presentation on his experiences in Afghanistan. All are welcome. Just bring a bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be served.

- **GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER**

The "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" event will be happening between February 21st and March 21st. Please let the coordinator, Bonnie Tarlton, know if you can host a small group of 5 or 6 for lunch or dinner. Bonnie's number is 604-943-5688.

- **MEN'S CLUB**

The Men's Club will be having a breakfast meeting at **8:30 a.m.** on **Saturday, March 7th**, at the Tsawwassen Golf Club. Coffee will be available starting at 8:00 a.m. The speaker will be Reverend Rose-Hannah Gaskin. She will be speaking on future challenges and opportunities for Tsawwassen United Church.

As always, all men of the congregation who are not members of the Men's Club are welcome, but please phone either Albert Knudsen (604-943-6748) or Bill Williams (604-943-7262) by the evening of Tuesday, March 3rd, if you plan to attend.

- **BAPTISM**

We will be celebrating the sacrament of baptism on Easter Sunday. If you or anyone you know, of any age, would like to be baptised or renew your baptismal vows please contact Rose-Hannah.

- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

It was decided at the January 13th Council meeting that the date for the Annual General Meeting of Tsawwassen United Church will be on **Sunday, March 29th**, following the 10AM service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **BIRTHDAY BAGS UPDATE**

Take a look at the Outreach bulletin board just outside the hall and you should see a poster that indicates how much of each of the bag items has been collected from donations. Our original target was 50 bags so we have a long way to go to reach that. Quite a few cash donations have been received and if you want to support the project that way, just mark your envelopes or cheques "Birthday Bags" and Outreach will do the shopping. We plan to finish the project in the last week of March so whatever resources we have gathered will be used to make as many bags as we can. We will report on what happened in April.

- **LENTEN STUDY**

You are strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of the Lenten study booklet even if you aren't planning on being part of the study group. The booklet has readings for every day throughout Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday and these will be closely connected to the Sunday worship themes during Lent. Here is a way to make a special time of Lent, without a huge effort of changing your daily schedule.

The book is called *Why Would Jesus Say That?* and is available by phone or

e-mail from the United Church Resource Distribution centre in Toronto at a cost of \$10.95. Their toll-free phone number is 1-800-288-7365. Their e-mail address is ucrd@united-church.ca.

- **TAX RECEIPTS**

TUC's charitable tax receipts are available for pick-up in the narthex. All receipts not picked up by Sunday, February 22nd, will be put in the mail on Monday, February 23rd.

- **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement which brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, we can come to know how our sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the Biblical passages in their context. This year's World Day of Prayer service will be held at All Saints Anglican Church in Ladner (4755 Arthur Drive) at **2:00 p.m.** on **March 7th**. All denominations are welcome. Seven local churches will take part in the service.

- **WOMEN TOGETHER: THE COMMON WALK OF A GENERATION**

A retreat for women of all ages. A time to be nourished and inspired, to connect, reflect and walk together. Session 1: **Friday, September 25, to Sunday, September 27**. Session 2: **Monday, September 28, to Wednesday, September 30**. For more information go to www.naramatacentre.net. There are also a few brochures on the narthex table.

- **VST OPEN HOUSE: MARCH 12-13**

Have you ever thought of pursuing a theological education? Do you know someone who might be called to explore theology? Vancouver School of Theology hosts its annual Open House March 12-13. Come discover the many educational opportunities, attend a class, worship with the community and more. Visit www.vst.edu for full details (or email Julie at Julie@vst.edu).

- **BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF HOPE: PEACE-BUILDING ACROSS RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES**

This special event will focus on ways of engaging diverse communities to prevent and manage conflict across faith and cultural divides. Date: **February 26, 2009**. Time: 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Location: Justice Institute of British Columbia, New Westminster Campus, 715 McBride Boulevard, New Westminster. Rate: FREE – Light refreshments will be served. To register or for more information contact csjd@jibc.ca or 604.528.5608.

- **A SPIRITUAL SPA DAY**

In the Fellowship Centre beside Knox United Church, 5600 Balaclava St. (and W. 41st), **Saturday, March 7th**, from 10 am to 2 pm. A free gift to you with no obligations. A sacred day begins as soon as you enter the doors and you begin to design your own day from the opportunities available. Come, unwind, relax and immerse yourself in the warmth of holiness. Experience healing touch, creative movement, or light a candle in the intimate chapel setting with inspiring Celtic harp music and quiet prayer time. Be led in meditation. Experience God in music. Pray the sacred walk. Please call 604-261-3747 by Wednesday, March 4th to let them know if you are coming so they can co-

ordinate the day and make enough soup.

- **WALKING THE TALK — A YOUTH OUTREACH EVENT**

From **March 27th to 29th**, at St. David's United Church, 1525 Taylor Way, West Vancouver. This event is for youth in grades 7 to 12. It will involve exploring what it means to live out our faith in justice, respect, and service to others. Through community building, small group discussions, and reflection participants will learn and work together. Registration deadline is Friday, March 20th. For more information see the notice on the bulletin board in the narthex.

- **RUN / WALK FOR THE HOMELESS**

At the Vancouver Sun Run on **Sunday, April 19, 2009**, and participate in this 4th annual fund-raiser for First United Church! This is an awesome opportunity to have fun, get active and to raise awareness and funds! First United would love to see as many churches represented as possible! All ages are invited. You can walk as well as run and you can participate in the 2.5km not just in the 10km. For more information please see the notice on the bulletin board or contact Jen Cummings at jen.staw@telus.net or at 604-574-0827.

Stewardship Seconds

Stewards of the gospel are transfigured through
Christ's light shining out of the darkness.



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