

Tsawwassen United Church

1st Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2009, 10:00 AM

Lent is a forty day season of reflection and preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus.

*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: Prelude to God's Word

~ Rex Koury

PROCESSING THE BIBLE AND CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN: Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights VU 108

CALL TO WORSHIP (*see back of bulletin*)

OPENING PRAYER: Psalm 25:1–10 pew Bible O.T. page 485

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (*with Brenda Miller*)

HYMN: Dust and Ashes Touch Our Face VU 105

PRAYER FOR RESTORING LIFE: Take, O Take Me As I Am MV 85
(*Leona will play once, then the congregation will sing twice, softly and prayerfully.*)

TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GRACE: Listen, God Is Calling MV 97

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

SCRIPTURE:

Genesis 9:8–17

pew Bible O.T. page 7

Mark 1:9–15

pew Bible N. T. page 33

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "An Unsettling God"

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN: Forty Days and Forty Nights

VU 114

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CHOIR'S ANTHEM: A Lenten Prayer

~ Robert J. Powell

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- The Offering is Collected
- Announcements of the Congregation's Life & Ministry
- *Doxology: What Can I Do?
- Offering Prayer

MV 191

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY: God Weeps

MV 78

TIME OF SILENCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

VU 914 (right side)

*CLOSING HYMN: O Love, How Deep

VU 348

THE LAST WORD: 1 Peter 3:18–22

pew Bible N.T. page 216

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Jesus is Lord of All

~ Wm. J. Gaither

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 1, 2009

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 Shaughnessy Heights – the Reverend Gordon How & Staff Associate Pamela Jeffrey.

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

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

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

SAT. **Men's Club Breakfast** – at **8:30 a.m.** See notice on the next page.

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

Worship Service – at **10:00 a.m.**

Scripture readings: Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16; Psalm 22:23–31 (VU pg. 746 parts 3 and 4); Romans 4:13–25; Mark 8:31–38.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

• 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.

- **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

- **A LENTEN BOOK REVIEW**

I have been taking a few retreat days this past week to go through some resources for the Lent/Easter season. The book I want to tell you about this week is called *Iona Dawn: Through Holy Week with the Iona Community*. It is a small and beautiful book with several short readings for each day during the week from Palm Sunday to Easter. I highly recommend this as a tool to deepen your faith journey this year. It is available through the United Church Resource Distribution Centre at a cost of \$18.95.

~ Rose-Hannah

- **SUNRISE SERVICE**

If anyone in the congregation would like to organize a lay-led Sunrise Service on Easter morning, please contact Lynne Meinert at 604-943-4082.

- **MINISTER'S MINUTE**

For those of you who might not be aware, Rose-Hannah writes for the column *Minister's Minute* in the *Delta Optimist* once a month. Her two recent columns have been excellent. The January column was entitled "*Turn inward this winter*" and February's was "*Prayer and action.*" Her reflections are thought-provoking and challenge us to "act out" our Christianity both inwardly and in the wider community. In my observation, I think her first two columns capture Tsawwassen United Church's Mission Statement: "Reaching in, we strive to grow in Christ. Reaching out, we nurture God's world." As I do, you're sure to look forward to these thoughtful notes from our minister. These writings will be kept in a binder in the library/lounge.

~ Lynne Meinert

- **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.

- **MORE VOICES**

Thank you to all who contributed towards the purchase of our new hymn books *More Voices*. We have 130 of them and 15 more are on the way.

- **LENTEN VIGIL**

A “Lenten Vigil for the Silenced” to promote justice and peace is being held every Wednesday from noon til 1:00 p.m., from February 25th to April 8th, in front of the Vancouver Art Gallery. For more information please see the notice on the bulletin board.

- **CULTUS LAKE UNITED CHURCH CAMP UPCOMING DATES**

Spring Cleanup – Saturday, March 28th, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., lunch supplied, rain or sunshine. Building repairs and ground maintenance will be done. A day for the whole family to help out and enjoy God’s beautiful creation.

Children and Family Camp 2009 Dates: TRAINING WEEK, July 05 to July 10/09; JUNIOR ONE CAMP (ages 7 to 9), July 12 to July 17/09 (\$275.00/child); JUNIOR TWO CAMP (ages 10 to 12), July 19 to July 24/09 (\$275.00/child); TEEN CAMP, (ages 13 to 18), July 26 to July 31/09 (\$285.00/child; FAMILY CAMP (all ages) August 03 to August 07/09 (\$175.00/person). At this time the camp is hiring Staff, Counselors and Crew for 2009

All information is available on the camp web page at (www3.telus.net/clucc), or phone the camp at 1-604-858-6033 or Dale at 604-534-3427.

- **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.

- **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 6th**. 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).
- **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

Jesus knows that we are all tempted.

We are called to respond to temptation as good stewards.



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