

# Tsawwassen United Church

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 8, 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: A Plea in the Wilderness

~ Gabriel Fauré

PROCESSING THE BIBLE AND CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (*see back of bulletin*)

\*OPENING HYMN: New Every Morning

VU 405

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (*with Brenda Miller*)

HYMN: O God, How We Have Wandered

VU 112

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.)*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE: Listen, God Is Calling

MV 97

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

SCRIPTURE: (*Reader: Bob Tarlton*)

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

pew Bible O.T. page 12

Romans 4:13–25

pew Bible N. T. page 145

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: “Beyond the Familiar”

\*HYMN: To Abraham and Sarah

VU 634

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### CHOIR'S ANTHEM:

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

~ Fanny J. Crosby & Douglas Nolan

### 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

VU 541

### PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY: God Weeps

MV 78

### EXTINGUISH LENT CANDLE

### TIME OF SILENCE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

VU 914 (right side)

### \*CLOSING HYMN: Take Up Your Cross

VU 561

### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION: Be at Peace

~ Barbara Furman & David Angermann

### POSTLUDE: Everlasting Victory

~ Humphrey Turner

# Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**March 8, 2009**

*The flowers on the communion table this morning have been placed to honour the memory of Pilot Officer Roderick John Heather R.C.A.F., killed in action March 12th, 1943.*

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

**TODAY**      **Kinsmen Service** – at **9:30 a.m.**  
**Worship Service** – at **10:00 a.m.**



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

**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.**

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

Scripture readings: Exodus 20:1–17; Psalm 19 (VU pgs. 740–741);  
1 Corinthians 1:18–25; John 2:13–22 .

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

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

Dinner plans have changed. The new and simplified format is this ... can each one of you commit to a very quick, small group meeting after church today or on March 22nd? We want to ask you a few short questions regarding the long term future of Tsawwassen United Church — not what is going to happen next week or next month but rather, what might our church look like in 5 to 10 years. In this meeting you will have the opportunity to meet, listen, discuss and share you ideas — and all of this in under one hour! Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex. If you still want to do dinner or lunch, sign up there too and we'll try to make it happen. Thanks.

- **LUNCH BUNCH**

Please join members of the Lunch Bunch at a special meeting with Reverend Rose-Hannah Gaskin on **Sunday, March 15**, in the Lounge following the worship service.

- **FREE PUBLIC LECTURE ON ADDICTION**

On **Wednesday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m.** See advertisement on back page for more information.

- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of Tsawwassen United Church will be on **Sunday, March 29th**, following the 10AM service.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **A LENTEN BOOK REVIEW**

*Jesus, the Final Days: what really happened*, by Craig A. Evans and N.T. Wright. This is a good book to read in lent. It is full of scholarly facts about the final days of Jesus. The book is divided into three major sections:

- The Shout of Death;
- The Silence of Burial; and
- The Surprise of Resurrection.

Timely reading in a serious vein for those who want the facts. This book and the other books I'm reviewing during lent are all available in the church library.

~ 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.

- **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, Counsellors and Crew for 2009

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

- **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](http://www.vst.edu) for full details (or email Julie at [Julie@vst.edu](mailto:Julie@vst.edu)).

## **Stewardship Seconds**

Dominion belongs to God. To us is given the blessing and privilege of being good stewards of God's dominion.

# Addiction

## A Study in Poverty of the Spirit

A free public lecture by  
Simon Fraser University  
Professor Emeritus and  
author Bruce Alexander



**Wednesday, March 25**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**At Tsawwassen United Church**  
**693 53rd Street, Tsawwassen**

*In his third book, The Globalization of Addiction: a study in poverty of the spirit, released in Canada last September, Bruce Alexander proposes a radical rethink of addiction.*

*He explains how hypercapitalism is generating a rising tide of addiction to many destructive habits, such as compulsive shopping, gambling, sexuality, and video gaming, as well as drug and alcohol abuse, primarily caused by the loss of long standing cultural traditions and values.*

*Alexander's book is particularly relevant in today's economically volatile climate.*



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