

Tsawwassen United Church

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2009, 10:00 AM

Easter is a fifty-day celebration of the 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

PRE-SERVICE: Handbells

PRELUDE: O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

~ arr. by Larry Shackley

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN: We Know That Christ is Raised

VU 448

CALL TO WORSHIP:

This is the season of Easter:

the celebration of resurrection,

the festival of hope,

the promise of new beginnings,

the dance of faith,

the song of joy,

the music of gladness,

the hymn of love.

Let us worship our life-giving God!

PRAYER OF APPROACH (*see back of bulletin*)

HANDBELLS: Cornerstone

~ arr. by Ken Holland

STORYTIME WITH THE CHILDREN (*with Brenda Miller*)

*HYMN: We Meet You, O Christ

VU 183

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God, we confess that we often come to you reluctantly,

afraid of what we might have to give up

or change when we enter your presence.

In our reluctance,

we often miss opportunities for your grace to touch us,

and through us to touch others.

Touch us that we might be healed;

forgive us that we might be born again. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

FIRST READING: (*Reader: Doris Wasylyk*)

Acts 3: 12–19

pew Bible N.T. page 114

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24: 36–48

pew Bible N.T. page 86

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "What it Means to be a Witness"

*HYMN: As We Walked Home at Close of Day

VU 184

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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
- Offering Prayer

VU 541

CHOIR'S ANTHEM:

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place

~ *arr. by Jack Schrader*

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

Risen and saving Lord . . . that we might recognize you.

O Jesus, be present in the midst of your disciples.

Risen and saving Lord . . . set our hearts on fire with love for you.

O Jesus, be present in the midst of your disciples.

Risen and saving Lord . . . bring us together in peace and harmony.

O Jesus, be present in the midst of your disciples.

Risen and saving Lord . . . in all acts of hospitality and sharing.

O Jesus, be present in the midst of your disciples.

Risen and saving Lord . . . on behalf of the whole world.

O Jesus, be present in the midst of your disciples.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

VU 916

THE LAST WORD: 1 John 3: 1–7

pew Bible N.T. page 223

(*Congregation may be seated.*)

*CLOSING HYMN: Because You Live, O Christ

VU 178

*COMMISSIONING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Glory to Our Risen Lord

~ *George Blake*

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS April 26, 2009

The flowers on the communion table today are placed by Lynne Meinert & Joan Hay in loving memory of their parents, brother & sister. In life in death, in life beyond death, we are not alone, God is with us.

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

TODAY **Handbells** – The handbells will be playing pre-service at **9:40 a.m.**
Worship Service – at **10:00 a.m.**
“Lift Every Voice” Ecumenical Service – at **7:30 p.m.** See announcement on next page for further details.



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

MON. **Lunch Bunch** – meet in the Lounge at **11:00 a.m.** Bring a bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be served. All ladies of the church are welcome. The guest speaker will be Shirlee Creer from the Kinsmen Adult Day Centre who will be speaking about what programs the Centre has to offer. For more info please contact Barbara Geddes at 604-948-0304 or Muriel Pritchard at 604-943-3406.



WED. **Junior Choir**..... **3:30 p.m.**
THURS. **Handbell Choir** **6:15 p.m.**
Choir..... **7:45 p.m.**

NEXT SUN. Worship Service – at **10:00 a.m.** The Junior Choir will be singing. Scripture readings: Acts 4:5–12; Psalm 23 (VU pgs. 747–749); 1 John 3:16–24; John 10:11–18.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

- **SPRING CLEAN-UP**

Our annual spring clean-up will be on **Saturday, May 30th**, from **9AM to noon**. Rick Soutar and Mary Sambell are the coordinators. A sign-up sheet will be posted closer to the date.

- **SCOTT WOODS CONCERT**

Canadian Fiddle Champion Scott Woods and his band will be performing at T.U.C. on **Tuesday, May 26th**, at **7:00 p.m.** Ticket prices: adults/\$20, kids (5–12)/\$10, under–5/free, family (2 adults and 2 children)/\$50.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **BIBLE STUDY**

We are planning a seven week bible study for small groups of 5 or 6 people. The focus is the Book of Acts, the story of the early church and how this can help us re-orient ourselves for the future mission of the church.

The plan is to have several groups running at the same period, so that we can offer a variety of times and days of the week for the two-hour sessions. It would really be a great boost to our church community if we had 30 or 40 people studying and discussing this together. It would help energize our planning for the next phase of our life together.

So, please reply to me and let me know if you would participate.

We do all have to be part of the future planning and the transforming of our church. You can e-mail, telephone or talk directly to me about this. Please — I want to hear from you all. I am thinking of starting late May or early June. RSVP!

~ Rose-Hannah

- **ROSE-HANNAH AWAY**

Rose-Hannah is away from April 27th to May 12th to complete her move then she will be on vacation. In her absence Brenda Miller will be responsible for worship and pastoral care. You can reach Brenda at the church office: 604-943-2911. Brenda will be in the church office from Tuesday to Friday, 9AM to 1PM.

- **“LIFT EVERY VOICE” ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

On **Sunday, April 26th**, at **7:30 p.m.** at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. “Lift Every Voice” is a concert of praise and thanksgiving, which features different musical groups and choirs from the Christian community in South Delta. The music is interspersed with hymn singing and prayer. An offering will be received at the service in support of The Community Fund of Faith. This fund is used, under the direction of a group of Christians appointed from different churches, through the Ministerial to offer one time help to persons in the South Delta Community who find themselves in difficulty and cannot access help through any other means. Please plan to attend.

- **OBSERVER**

The April 2009 issue of *The United Church Observer* is available for borrowing. You can find it in a magazine box on the table under the bulletin board in the narthex.

- **VOICES OF HOPE — VANCOUVER ORPHEUS MALE CHOIR**

“Voices of Hope”, a fund raiser for First United Church, is being presented by the Vancouver Orpheus Male Choir on **Saturday, May 2nd, at 7:30 p.m.** The choir will be performing at Shaughnessy Heights United Church (1550 West 33rd Ave –at Granville). Tickets: \$30. For more information call 604 681-8365 (ext. 117) or go to www.vancouverorpheus.org. The Vancouver Orpheus Male Choir will also be performing at Tsawwassen United Church in March 2010.

- **UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA CAMPING SUNDAY
— SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009**

ALL United Churches across our great nation recognize this special day. There are 60 plus United Church Camps in Canada. Each camp offers a rewarding and memorable experience and contributes to the growth and spiritual development of all who attend a camp or for those who help to keep these valuable camps operating each year. Our local CULTUS LAKE UNITED CHURCH, in LINDEL BEACH has been in operation for some 80 plus years and offers CHILDREN, TEEN & FAMILY CAMPS each year. Please visit www3.telus.net/clucc for dates of each camp or contact the camp at 1-604-858-6033.

- **LOVE SOUTH DELTA**

On **Saturday, June 13, 2009**, you are invited to participate in the inter-denominational Love South Delta event that will take place 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Join with churches from all over South Delta as we show God's love to the people of our communities through practical acts of kindness. There are a variety of projects that you can participate in, including senior residence visits, laundromat service, emergency response team visits (take baking), window washing, bathroom brigade, car wash and garbage pick-up. Pre-registration is required on the sign-up sheets posted in the narthex. This was a really fun event last year and many members from TUC participated and enjoyed themselves immensely. The meeting place will be at South Delta Baptist Church and lunch will be provided for all participants. If you have any questions please contact Monica Robson at 604-943-8990 or robsons@canada.com. Hope to see you there!

- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CANADA BUILD IN PORTUGAL**

Rev. Bill Dyer is leading a group of people on a Global Village Canada build to Braga, Portugal (about 1 hour north of Porto). The dates are August 22nd to Sept 4th. The cost is \$2,090.00 plus airfare from your home city to Porto. This covers all your expenses including hotel, meals, transportation in country, donation and accident insurance. R & R expenses are expected to be an additional \$300.00.

For more information contact Bill at 604-980-9815 or bdyer97@shaw.ca. There is room for three more people.

Fiddle Variety Show

STAY TUNED



Starring...

Scott Woods

Canadian Open Fiddle Champion * Grand Masters Fiddle Champion * Fiddle Entertainer of the Year
Novelty Fiddle Champion * Duet Fiddle Champion

A two-hour musical journey back in time - to when the variety television and radio shows ruled the airways. Canadian Fiddle Champion Scott Woods and his band perform traditional country, gospel and swing music with fancy fiddling, step dancing and a generous dose of humour. Don't miss this family entertainment.

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Best Canadian
Talent.**

- A. Myles, Saskatchewan

Appearing at:

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Tuesday, May 26th, 7PM



Ticket Price: \$20.00

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