

Tsawwassen United Church

4th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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

PRELUDE: Prelude on the tune: St. Columba

~ arr. by Raymond H. Haan

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN: This is the Day

VU 412

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Welcome, one and all, to this place and time,
where we come together as seekers of a holy mystery.

Welcome young and old!

Welcome, great and mighty, big and bold!

Welcome, humble and shy, tiny and quiet!

Welcome to the household of God!

For it is here that all are members of God’s family.

It is here that all are members of the Easter People.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

JUNIOR CHOIR: Jesus Is Alive

~ Cindy Berry

STORYTIME WITH THE CHILDREN *(with Brenda Miller)*

JUNIOR CHOIR: I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb

~ Mary Sheppard

*HYMN: Are You A Shepherd?

MV 126

PRAYER FOR RESTORING LIFE:

The world wants to lead us in so many directions, O God.

We don’t always know which way to turn.

There are so many paths to confuse us.

**Forgive our willingness to pick an easy path,
one that leads us away from you.**

Forgive us when we do not see the signs of your love.

Forgive us when we do not have the courage to see what is real.

Help us to find our direction in you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE:

Friends, God comes to us like a kind stranger, giving us directions to a familiar place. Let us give God thanks for this un-ending love and forgiveness, the true assurance of grace!

Halle, Halle, Halle *(sung twice)*

VU 958

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

SCRIPTURE:

1 John 3:16–24

pew Bible N.T. page 223

John 10:11–18

pew Bible N.T. page 98

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "The Shepherd"

*HYMN: The Lord's My Shepherd

VU 747

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CHOIR'S ANTHEM:

The Sweet, Sweet Comfort of Prayer

~ *Mary Kay Beall and Lloyd Larson*

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

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*)

VU 959

THE LAST WORD: Acts 4: 5–12

pew Bible N.T. page 115

(*Congregation may be seated.*)

*CLOSING HYMN: We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection VU 586

*COMMISSIONING:

Mother, Father, Creator, Friend of All,

We bless God's Holy names.

Allah, Abba, Yahweh,

We bless God's Holy names.

And as we go forth with God's grace,

We seek to share the gifts of love, justice,

and transformation with all those we meet.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Praise the Lord on High

~ *Rachel Sawyer*

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 3, 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 Tai-Kong & the Rev. Colin Kang.

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

THURS. **Handbell Choir** **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: Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 22:25–31 (VU pg. 746 parts 3 and 4); 1 John 4:7–21; John 15:1–8.

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

- **KITCHEN CLEAN-UP**

Volunteers are needed for the yearly kitchen spring clean-up on **Wednesday, May 6th**. Please contact Pat Orr at 604-948-8684 if you can help.

- **BIBLE STUDY UPDATE**

Good news! Revised plans for the Bible Study are in place. There will be three study groups each week so please choose the one that suits you!

Wed. afternoon.....1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Thurs. evening7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Tues. morning10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

We will meet for four weeks in June. The resource we will be using is published by the United Church of Canada called, “The Church We Are Becoming — Exploring Change Through the Book of Acts.” This study will help us to learn from the early Christians about proclaiming the good news, faithfully and sensitively in our own particular context. We will explore questions such as how and why we are “becoming” church, rather than “being” church. We are invited to take risks, but also to trust the Spirit to be with us as we journey to places unknown, and when we are uncertain how things will turn out.

Please let Brenda know which group you may be thinking of. If you have questions, please see Brenda while Rose-Hannah is away, then either of us after May 13.

~ Brenda

- **HELP WANTED!**

Seeking faithful persons of all ages to share the stories of our faith on Sunday mornings. The “Scripture Readers” list has no names on it for the months of May or June. Please prayerfully consider if this addition to our worship service is something you feel called to. Please sign up on the clipboard on the table in the narthex. Thank you, in advance.

~ Brenda

- **ROSE-HANNAH AWAY**

Rose-Hannah is away on vacation until May 13th. In her absence Brenda Miller is 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.

- **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.

- **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, laundro-

mat 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@telus.net. Hope to see you there!

- **CAMP KWOMAIS**

The former Camp Kwomais, sold in 2007, has now been reopened by the City of Surrey as Kwomais Point Park.

The park and refurbished facilities will be actively used. "Opportunities will be offered for children, youth, adults and seniors, including day camps for children with special needs; summer day camps; environmental education; music programs; coffee house music events; and seniors tea and social programs."

Ensuring public access and protection of the environment were two of the major goals of BC Conference in selling the property as part of the Camp Future Project. Proceeds from the sale are already being used to refurbish the camping ministries at Camp Pringle (Shawnigan Lake) and Camp Fircom (Gambier Island).

To read more about the new Kwomais Point Park, see: http://www.bclocal-news.com/surrey_area/peacearchnews/news/43389982.html

Stewardship Seconds

Through God's shepherding love, good stewards respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters by loving one another.

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.

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.

**Top Notch!
Best Canadian
Talent.**

- A. Myles, Saskatchewan

Appearing at:

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Tuesday, May 26th, 7PM



Ticket Price: \$20.00

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