

# Tsawwassen United Church

7th Sunday of Easter

May 24, 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: As the Deer

~ arr. by Fred Bock

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP:

As we gather in worship, may God's presence surround us.

**May our hearts be glad and our voices rejoice.**

As we gather in worship, may God's love pour over us.

**May our compassion be stirred and our faith strengthened.**

As we gather in worship, may God's truth guide us and challenge us.

**May new life emerge, bringing peace, abundance,  
and compassion to all.**

Let us sing our joy before God as we worship together.

OPENING PRAYER *(based on Psalm 1)*

\*HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

VU 220

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Do you ever feel at times like the whole world is against you?

**Sure, but I try to do and to say the right things.**

Isn't it just easier sometimes to cave in, and take the easy path?

**I have to admit, there have been times....**

And?

**Then I suffer even more, for it seems that when I do evil I hurt more.**

**I feel separated from God and from others.**

So there have been times when you've chosen the wrong path?

**There have.**

How's it feel?

**Awful! I want that feeling taken away.**

**I want to feel clean once more.**

Me too, so let's lay down the burden of brokenness,  
confessing them to God in prayer.

*(Silent Prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

READING: (Reader: Jan McLaurin)

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

pew Bible N.T. page 112

\*HYMN: Oh, Sing to Our God

VU 241

READING: John 17:6–19

pew Bible N.T. page 106

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CHOIR'S ANTHEM: Amen! (Traditional Spiritual)

~ arr. by Jack Schrader

SERMON: "Discipleship for Today"

\*HYMN: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

VU 635

## 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

**We come together as one, O God, presenting our gifts.**

**You call us into discipleship and you send us out to serve,**

**so bless us and our gifts,**

**that we may tear down walls of injustice,**

**that we may walk with those who are wounded,**

**that we may love our neighbours as ourselves. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*)

VU 959

\*CLOSING HYMN: Jesus Shall Reign

VU 330

\*COMMISSIONING:

As we breathe, the Spirit breathes in us.

**We go forth to share that inspiration with the world.**

As we live, the risen Christ lives within us.

**We go forth to proclaim the Good News of Jesus.**

As we give of ourselves, God's grace transforms us.

**We go forth to transform the world as disciples,**

**one loving relationship at a time.**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Grand Toccata

~ Gerald Peterson

# Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS May 24, 2009

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

**TODAY**      **Worship Service – at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Waterford Service – at 2:30 p.m.**



**Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference** – Today we pray for the Youth and Young Adults Ministry in BC Conference and our Vancouver South and Vancouver Burrard youth representatives.

**MON.**      **Lunch Bunch – from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Bring a sandwich. Tea and sweets will be provided. *Got a favourite recipe?* Bring your tried and true recipe for a recipe exchange with others. Come and join us for fun, food and fellowship and a chance to take home a new recipe. Hope to see you there.

**TUE.**      **Scott Woods Concert** – Canadian Fiddle Champion Scott Woods and his band will be performing at T.U.C. at **7:00 p.m.** Tickets are available through the church office or at Flowers By Design. Prices: adults/\$20, kids (5–12)/\$10, under-5/free, family (2 adults and 2 children)/\$50.

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

**THURS.**    **Handbell Choir ..... 6:15 p.m.**  
**Choir..... 7:45 p.m.**

**SAT.**      **Spring Clean-up – see announcement on next page.**

**NEXT SUN. Worship Service** – at **10:00 a.m.** Both the Junior and Senior Choirs will be singing. Scripture readings: Acts 2:1–21; Psalm 104:24–34 (VU pg. 827 part 2); Romans 8:22–27; John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15.



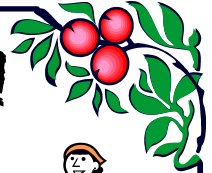
**Farewell Luncheon** – Please join us after worship next **Sunday, May 31**, to give Leona your best wishes on her retirement. A light lunch and cake will be served.

**Delta Hospital E.C.U. Service** – at **2:30 p.m.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.



# Spring Clean-Up!



**Saturday, May 30th**  
**9:00 a.m. – noon**

*Please sign up on the clipboard  
on the table in the narthex.*



All able bodied hands are required to spring clean our outside grounds.  
If it is raining there is inside clean-up which could use attention.

Bring gloves and garden tools for outside  
– rubber gloves, buckets and rags for inside.

Coordinators: Mary Sambell & Rick Soutar

**COFFEE AND SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### • CHURCH GARDENS

After many years of dedicated service Frances Sutherland, her family and friends too, have announced their retirement from gardening at Tsawwassen United. We are all very grateful for the beautiful gardens Fran has designed for us and give her our warmest thanks. Now, of course, we want to maintain the gardens and keep them in top shape. Would you be willing to be responsible for a portion of the flower beds? If enough folk volunteer for this task, it could be a fun job. If you would be able to help, please leave your name with Mary Almond in the church office.

### • HELP REQUESTED

I will be away from June 3 to July 10 and it would be very much appreciated if some of my responsibilities could be looked after in my absence. There are three things: watering the plants in the sanctuary; placing fresh flowers (or a potted plant) on the altar each Sunday; making coffee on Sunday, July 5. Many thanks if you can pitch in and help.

~ Lynne Meinert

- **UNCLAIMED KITCHEN ITEMS**

Unclaimed kitchen items will be placed in the old narthex from May 10 to 24th after which time they will be donated to the thrift store.

- **STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS**

The plan for our June study as a congregation is moving along. Please sign up for one of the three planned groups on the board in the narthex. It is very important that we have a large group doing this programme at the same time. Please speak to me if none of the groups suits you, but do make the commitment for June to be with us all. In this way we can grow together. We will be meeting at the church on the following dates:

- Tuesdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17, 24, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18, 25, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

~ Rose-Hannah

- **FAIR HAVEN HOMES 2ND ANNUAL PLANT SALE**

Hopefully, spring has arrived and some warm weather will follow. The Fair Haven Homes Society of the United Church will be holding their second Fall Plant sale on **Saturday, September 19, 2009**, from **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. If you have plants that you are thinking of dividing, plants that no longer fit into your garden plan or plants that need a new home, we would love to have them as a donation. Plants should be lifted in September, placed in appropriate sized pots and labelled with their name. Arrangements for pick up will be made a day or two before the Plant Sale either from your home or from a central location that is easily accessible to you. For more information please contact: Ruth Curran at 604-439-0741 or r.curran@shaw.ca.

- **“ME? ... A STORY TELLER”**

The Ladner United Church C.E. & Worship Committee is presenting a workshop for ushers, greeters, readers and servers, as well as want-to-be storytellers, parents, grandparents, teachers .... etc. on **Saturday, June 13**, at **8:30 a.m.** at the Ladner United Church Celebration Centre. Schedule: 8:30 a.m. – continental breakfast, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. –The Seven Secrets of Storytelling (you may attend for the first part only); 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. – Continuing Education for Ushers, Communion Servers, Readers & Greeters.

- **DELTA SENIORS COMMUNITY PLANNING TABLE**

The Delta Seniors Community Planning Table is composed of community members, service organizations, agencies and faith groups. The group's purpose is to educate, inform and mobilize Delta residents and decision makers to respond to seniors' issues in the community. The Planning Table meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon. The meetings alternate between Ladner, North Delta and Tsawwassen. If you are interested in joining the Planning Table or learning more about it, please contact Lyn Walker, Delta Senior Services Coordinator, at 604-946-9526 or Pastor Henry Jonker at 604-946-7802.

- **HYMN SING**

Please come to St. Stephen's East Delta United Church's Annual Hymn Sing on **Sunday, June 7th**, at **7:30 p.m.** There will be hymns old and new, hymns borrowed & hymns blue. Plenty of congregational choice. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** St. Stephen's United Church is located at 9696 Ladner Trunk Road (No 10 hwy), just east of the Highway 99 overpass.

# 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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