

Tsawwassen United Church

The Day of Pentecost

May 31, 2009, 10:00 AM

'Pentecost' is the Greek word for the Jewish festival of Shavuot which takes place 50 days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter the apostles were gathered together in Jerusalem. Suddenly, the Holy Spirit rushed through the room like a mighty wind and tongues of fire appeared over the apostle's heads. In the Christian Church colours of red and orange and yellow remind us of the way in which the Spirit of God 'fires up' Jesus' followers.

*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 in Classic Style

~ Gordon Young; arr. by Dorothy Wells

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy

VU 315

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning when God created

God spoke, and all was made ready.

In the beginning, when God created

God saw, and said "It is good".

In the beginning, when God created

God blessed, and gave every need to all God's creation.

In the beginning, when God created

God rested and it was so.

Let us worship our marvellous, amazing, awesome God,

Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

God, we worship as one family

— younger and older, male and female.

We praise you that you have created us in your image,

to be your people in the world.

Guide us this day and every day,

that we might truly be your family.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

JUNIOR & SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM: Let it Shine

~ Nancy Price & Don Besig

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (with Brenda Miller)

Based on Acts 2:1–21

pew Bible N.T. page 112

*HYMN: Dance with the Spirit

MV 156

READING: *(with Sandra Timuss)*

Romans 8:22–27

pew Bible N.T. 148

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM:

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

~ arr. by Joel Raney

SERMON: “Waiting With Patience”

*HYMN: Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

VU 198

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

Loving God, you have given us life.

**May we in response give you our living:
hearts and minds, time and talents,
for the sharing of your love
and the celebration of your grace. Amen.**

JUNIOR CHOIR ANTHEM: Angels on the Water

~ Dennis Scott

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(sung)*

VU 960

THE LAST WORD: Ezekiel 37:1–14

pew Bible O.T. 764

*CLOSING HYMN: O God, Beyond All Praising

VU 256

BENEDICTION:

May the blessing of God, our Loving Creator;
and of Jesus the Christ our Companion and Guide;
and of the Holy Spirit, God’s power for newness,
be with you all this day and forevermore. Amen.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION:

Gloria In Excelsis (Twelfth Mass)

~ W.A. Mozart ; ed. by Byron Brooks

POSTLUDE: Toccata for a Celebration

~ Gene Clarke

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS May 31, 2009

The flowers in the sanctuary and around the church today are an expression of sincere thanks to our Music Director, Mrs. Leona Prowse, in honour of her retirement after twenty years of dedicated service at Tsawwassen United Church. Thank you, Leona, for sharing your inspirational gift of music; we wish you all the best as you retire.

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

- TODAY** **Worship Service** – at **10:00 a.m.** Both the Junior and Senior Choirs will be singing
-  **Farewell Luncheon** – Please join us after worship today 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.**
- TUE.** **Study of the Book of Acts** – from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**
- WED.** **Study of the Book of Acts** – from **1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**
- THURS.** **Study of the Book of Acts** – from **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**
- NEXT SUN.** **Worship Service** – at **10:00 a.m.** Scripture readings: Isaiah 6:1–8; Psalm 29 (VU pgs. 755–756); Romans 8:12–17; John 3:1–17.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

• CELEBRATION SUNDAY — JUNE 14TH

Come and celebrate with the family and friends of Tsawwassen United Church. During the worship service we will honour our graduates, teachers, children; and all those who have made our church the faithful community it has been this past year.

Following worship there will be a hot dog and ice cream picnic for everyone to celebrate this special day. Do you like to barbecue? Make ice cream cones? Set up tables? Please see Brenda to volunteer, or contact her at 604 274-2864 (brendamiller1@gmail.com).



Church Picnic

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• OBSERVER

The April issue of *The Observer* is available for borrowing. You can find it on the table under the bulletin board in the narthex.

• 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. Woodnorth Gardening and Lawncare has been contracted to do this. However the cost of this service could be reduced if a few volunteers could spare some time to weed the garden, which would decrease the amount of time Woodnorth needs to spend here. There would be no need to sign up or to notify the church office. If you find yourself with some free time on a nice day simply drop by the church and help beautify the gardens.

• 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

• 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.

- **“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.

- **WOMEN’S CHARITY OPEN**

The women of Beach Grove Golf Club in Tsawwassen want the ladies of TUC to know that they are having a Women’s Charity Open this **July 6**. One of the charities that will be benefiting is the Community Fund of Faith (Joanne Harris is TUC’s representative for this committee). The Fund will be putting on a display about their work between 5 and 6 o’clock at the golf club. Anyone who is interested in seeing the display is welcome. Women who golf are also welcome to enter the tournament for \$90 or attend just the dinner for \$45. For information about the golf club, see www.beachgrovegolf.com and for tournament information, contact rarnason@dccnet.com or call 604-943-6936.

- **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.

- **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 Seniors’ Services Coordinator, at 604-946-9526 or Pastor Henry Jonker at 604-946-7802.

- **COMMUNITY SOCCER TEAM**

In an endeavor to engage and build relations in the neighbourhood, First United Church Mission in Vancouver is sponsoring a Community Soccer Team in the Strathcona area. They are desperately looking for a soccer coach and/or trainer as well as sponsorship for the team. The age group is 15 – 30 year old men. If you would like to be involved or you are able to assist in any way please contact Marion Young at mcyoung@frstunited.ca or 604-681-8365, ext. 108.



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

Minutes for Mission

The Gift of Friendship

In Korea, we are reflecting upon a gift. First there was the physical gift: the Emmanuel Building at the HanShin Theological Institute. That was the centrepiece of the campus when it was erected. It was a house of learning and prayer. It has now been demolished because of its poor condition—reduced to rubble—and is being hauled away one truckload at a time. But more significant is the spiritual gift of this building, which was, for a time, symbolized by this structure of brick and concrete, and still remains a living part of our Christian family.

During the demolition of the building, a time capsule was discovered with a short history of the building. It stated that the Emmanuel building was built with \$100,000 from The United Church of Canada, a gift that covered roughly 80 percent of the cost. It was a sign of the United Church of Canada's passionate support of the Korean church.

Of course, there is no friendship worth the name that is dependent upon a building only. Today, the same supportive relationship that created and maintained Emmanuel building at HanShin continues in many ways. It is lived out in the way we work together toward a just place for women within our respective societies, peace on the Korean peninsula, respect for God's creation, economic justice, and an end to the violence being committed today in places such as the Philippines. The list goes on.

What a gift to have partners, companions, and friends on the journey! We are not alone! Thank you for being part of this mission and part of this Canadian-Korean friendship through the Mission and Service Fund.



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Stewardship Seconds

Even when we do not know how to pray,
the Holy Spirit intercedes for us and guides us in our actions.

Newcomers

If you are a newcomer, please sign our guest book in the narthex. Our website contains detailed information and a listing of upcoming events.