

# Tsawwassen United Church

First Sunday After Pentecost / Trinity Sunday

June 7, 2009, 10:00 AM

*Pentecost Season. During this time we reflect on the gift of the Holy Spirit who prompts and guides the Christian community through a long season of growth in discipleship and service.*

*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

WELCOME

\*OPENING HYMN: Morning Has Broken

VU 409

CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 6:1–8

pew Bible O.T. page 604

PRAYER OF OPENING:

Holy Spirit, dance your light into the corners of our lives:  
when we are cold, bring us warmth;  
when we are afraid, bring us comfort;  
when we are lost, brighten the path;  
when we are unsure, mark the way;  
when we are in need, come into our presence.  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (*with Brenda Miller*)

\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION: Take, O Take Me as I Am

MV 85

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Generous God, you give us the gift of your Spirit,  
but we confess that we have not known how to use it.  
You send us the Spirit of courage,  
but we have been afraid.  
You send us the Spirit of truth,  
but we cling to our illusions.  
You send us the Spirit of healing,  
but we cannot let go of our hurts.  
Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again:  
shake our hearts,  
set our souls on fire with your love:  
send us out into the world rejoicing in your power.  
We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin,  
and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE:

Hear the Good News: God has not abandoned us to the grave.  
In Jesus Christ, God has forgiven us, and has shown us the paths of life.  
God's Spirit is among us; we shall live!

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

READINGS: *(Reader: Floyd Wartnow)*

Psalms 29 *(read responsively with no sung refrain)*

John 3:1–17

VU 756

pew Bible N.T. page 89

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "Getting Your Mind Around the Holy Spirit"

\*HYMN: Deep in Our Hearts

MV 154

## 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

### PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE PRAYER OF JESUS — A PARAPHRASE

VU 916

THE LAST WORD: Romans 8:12–17

pew Bible N.T. 148

\*CLOSING HYMN: Fairest Lord Jesus

VU 341

### \*COMMISSIONING:

We are the church!

We follow where the Spirit leads, daring to be risk takers wherever we go!

**We are filled with the breath of the Holy Spirit!**

May the blessing of God, Creator and Giver of Life, the Son,

Life of God incarnate, and the Holy Spirit,

bearer and power of new life among all people

be with us now and forever.

**Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

# Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**June 7, 2009**

*The flowers in the sanctuary have been placed by Ian and Agnes Jackson  
in memory of their son, Capt. Tom Jackson.*

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

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



**Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference** – Today we pray for Vancouver-Japanese United Church (English speaking).

**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.**      **Celebration Sunday Worship Service – at 10:00 a.m.** 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 ([brendammiller1@gmail.com](mailto:brendammiller1@gmail.com)). Scripture readings: 1 Samuel 15:34–16:13; Psalm 20 (VU pg. 742); 2 Corinthians 5:6–10, (11–13), 14–17; Mark 4:26–34.



**Church Picnic**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CONDOLENCES**

Condolences to Ada Kempton and family on the passing of Malcolm Kempton. Malcolm's memorial service was held on Wednesday, June 3rd.

- **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.

- **FIRST UNITED THRIFT STORE**

First United Church Mission, 320 East Hastings, is opening a thrift store this month! The store hours will be 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. They are looking for individual volunteers or groups of volunteers to help at the thrift store one day a week. If you would be interested in volunteering in this area please contact Marion Young, Volunteer Coordinator, at [mcyoung@frstunited.ca](mailto:mcyoung@frstunited.ca) or 604-681-8365 ex 108.

- **YOU ARE INVITED TO BC CONFERENCE'S OPEN HOUSE BBQ!**

Come and join BC Conference staff on Tuesday, June 23rd, from 12-2pm for an afternoon of good food and great company! No RSVP required. Location: BC Conference Office, 4383 Rumble Street (at Sussex) in Burnaby. 604-431-0434, [www.bc.united-church.ca](http://www.bc.united-church.ca).

- **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](http://www.beachgrovegolf.com) and for tournament information, contact [rarnason@dccnet.com](mailto:rarnason@dccnet.com) or call 604-943-6936.

• **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](mailto:mcyoung@frstunited.ca) or 604-681-8365, ext. 108.

• **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

The Right Reverend David Giuliano, Moderator of the United Church of Canada, is inviting us to join in a national day of prayer for The United Church of Canada on June 10th, the anniversary of our denomination.

In a letter to United Church congregations he says: "We are preparing now for our 40th General Council, to be held in Kelowna, B.C., in August. Many in the church have been using "Called to Be Church," a document released earlier this year and intended to generate grassroots reflection and conversation about our church. We hope that it will be used in the context of prayer, to enrich and deepen the work of the General Council. You can find it on The United Church of Canada website ([www.united-church.ca](http://www.united-church.ca))."

He goes on to say: "Some of us pray for our church regularly. Some celebrate a rich and faithful history. Others lament our failures. Still others offer visions and hope for what lies ahead. We all want to enter into a silence in which God may speak to us. Whatever your prayer, or your way of praying, let us join our hearts together in goodwill for continued and growing faith in the Way of Jesus through The United Church of Canada."

**ASSISTED LISTENING**



There are assisted listening devices available on the table in the narthex for the hearing impaired. Please ask an usher for directions on where to sit so it can be plugged in.



*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*

## *M&S Is Good for Health*

Did you know that your gifts to the Mission and Service Fund work for healthcare in many parts of the world? In Canada, there are four hospitals/healthcare centres that operate under the banner of the United Church: Lamont Centre in Lamont, Alberta; Bella Coola Hospital in Bella Coola, British Columbia; R. W. Large Memorial Hospital (Bella Bella) in Walisla, British Columbia; and Wrinch Memorial Hospital in Hazelton, British Columbia.

The hospitals are funded by the provincial health services for the bulk of their costs. The United Church still makes grants for particular programs, and that money comes from the M&S Fund. These programs include continuing education for nurses, maintenance of residences for staff, and special programs to help immigrant doctors become certified for practice in Canada with the help of mentors and supervisors.

People in the rural communities where the hospitals are located value the presence of these local health services and the church's willingness to continue providing quality care in remote places. The general government tendency to regionalize and centralize larger facilities in fewer places has resulted in less availability of care. Pregnant moms often have to go out of the local community and away from family to a regional hospital. These small hospitals provide effective and efficient care for which local residents are very grateful.

The Mission & Service Fund was instrumental in initiating these ministries and continues to support aspects of the work. M&S allows us to live out our commitment to God's gift of health in western Canada and in many places around the world.



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## **Stewardship Seconds**

Stewardship is about allowing ourselves to be led by the Spirit.