

Tsawwassen United Church

Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 14, 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: Breathe On Me, Breath of God

VU 382

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God has given us this beautiful earth, all that grows, all that lives upon it.

Thanks be to God.

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

Thanks be to God.

God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

PRAYER OF OPENING:

We come together today in loving community.

Creator God, help us to know your will, and do your work.

We offer our prayers, our actions, our lives, for your blessing.

As grateful partners, we offer them to you.

Amen.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

SCRIPTURE: *(Reader: Bob Tarlton)*

1 Cor. 12:12–27 (One Body with many Members)

Response: Dance with the Spirit

MV 156

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN *(with Brenda Miller)*

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION: Take, O Take Me As I Am

MV 85

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**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 choose from.

Forgive us when we choose the easy path, that leads us away from you.

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

Help us find our direction in you. 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!

Response: Dance With the Spirit

MV 156

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

SCRIPTURE: (*Readers: Kirby Delaney & Dianne Almond*)

Acts 10

Response: Dance With the Spirit

MV 156

SERMON: "Holding On and Letting Go"

*HYMN: Open My Eyes, That I May See

VU 371

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY (*with Brenda Miller*)

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- The Offering is Collected

Solo: Nearer Than Air (*with Sandra Dawn Johannson*)

~ Michael Gott

- *Doxology: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

VU 541

- Offering Prayer

*HYMN: Deep In Our Hearts

MV 154

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE LAST WORD: Mark 6:53-56

Response: Dance With the Spirit

MV 156

*CLOSING HYMN: In the Bulb There is a Flower

VU 703

*COMMISSIONING:

**Today we have heard stories of transformation,
and we too, have been transformed.**

**We have been called to love each and every person
that we meet; to let go of that which keeps us apart
from God, and to hold onto that which brings healing love to all. Amen.**

*BENEDICTION:

Walk from this place with compassion and love.

Dance with Spirit, and listen for the Spirit to show you the way. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 14, 2009

*The flowers on the communion table today
are placed by Ollie Day in loving memory of Karen and Ken.*

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

TODAY

Worship Service – at 10:00 a.m. Celebration Sunday Worship Service – at 10:00 a.m. Today we are celebrating with the family and friends of Tsawwassen United Church. During the worship service we will honour our graduates and teachers, 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.



Church Picnic



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.

Kinsmen Centre Service – at 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service – at 10:00 a.m. Scripture readings: 1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4–11, 19–23), 32–49; Psalm 9:9–20 (VU pgs. 732–733); 2 Corinthians 6:1–13; Mark 4:35–41.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THANK YOU FROM LEONA**

Leona Prowse sent a gracious thank you note last week to the congregation of TUC. It reads:

To: The Congregation of Tsawwassen United Church — my family for 20 years:

Thank you so much for the wonderful celebration last Sunday. Your warm wishes and many gifts will never be forgotten. I am so grateful for your support and caring and will cherish these memories forever.

Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

Leona

- **ON THE MOVE**

Brenda Miller's last worship service with us will be Sunday, June 28th. Brenda will spend July packing and travelling on the island with Scott before moving to Vanderhoof at the end of July. Brenda's new mailing address will be: Omineca Pastoral Charge, Box 55, Vanderhoof, BC, V0J 3A0.

- **CONDOLENCES**

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

- **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 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.

- **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.

- **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.

Board Minutes

The minutes of TUC's Streamlined Board meetings are posted on the bulletin board across from the nursery, as is TUC's most recent income statement.

Multimedia Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to operate the multimedia system at the Sunday morning worship service. No commitment is necessary; just give it a try to see if you like it. If interested please contact the church office.



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 Builds Bridges to Hope

It's a myth that people want to stay on social assistance. Sometimes they simply need a hand to help them move on. A man in his mid-40s had been coming to Bridges to Hope to receive a food hamper for many years. Bridges to Hope is a food aid centre in St. John's, Newfoundland, that receives funding from the Mission and Service Fund. However, the centre does more than just offer food.

When staff asked the man who had been coming to the centre for food donations if he thought he would like to work, he became very excited. He said, "I'd give anything to get a job and get off of social assistance." Together with staff help, he wrote a good résumé and took it to several stores and businesses in the city. Each time he came back to Bridges to Hope, he would report how things were going. Finally, one day, he arrived ecstatic with the news that he'd been offered two jobs. One was with a supermarket and one with a church. Though he was thrilled, there was a hitch. Each one asked him to provide a letter from his doctor stating that he was well and physically able to do a certain amount of lifting. His doctor wouldn't do it.

It was only then that he told staff about a hit-and-run accident that happened 15 years ago. That's why he hadn't been able to work. Although he had been given a cheque for \$1,100 in compensation, he had not signed any papers. Staff at Bridges to Hope made an appointment for him with a lawyer. After a court hearing, this man won his case. He was awarded a generous allowance each month, as well as the retroactive money for 15 years.

This individual will be eternally grateful to Bridges to Hope for turning his life around and to your gifts to Mission and Service for helping to make it happen.



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As stewards, we walk by faith.