

Tsawwassen United Church

20th Sunday After Pentecost / World Food Day

October 18, 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

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN: This Is God’s Wondrous World VU 296

PRAYER OF OPENING *(based on selected verses from Psalm 104)*

THE CHILDREN LEAVE FOR GODLY PLAY *(with Marilyn Merry)*

CONNECTING TO OUR HEART’S LONGING:

Where Two or Three Are Gathered MV 14 (x3)

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

READINGS: *(Reader: Bob Tarlton)*

Job 38:1–7

Mark 10:35–45

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: “Christ Comes to Serve”

*HYMN: O Love, How Deep VU 348

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- The Offering is Collected
- Announcements of the Congregation's Life & Ministry
- *Doxology: Now Thank We All Our God
- *Offering Prayer (*see back of bulletin*)

VU 236, v. 3

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

*CLOSING HYMN: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

VU 664

*THE LAST WORD: Hebrews 5:1–10

*BENEDICTION

*COMMISSIONING

POSTLUDE

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 18, 2009

*The flowers on the communion table this morning have been placed by
the Jackson family in loving memory of Maisie and Tom Johnston.*

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

TODAY **Worship Service (with Sunday School) – at 10:00 a.m.**



Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C.

Conference – Today we pray for the Reverend Doug Goodwin,
Executive Secretary, Conference Ministers & Support Staff of BC
Conference.

WED. **Small Group Study** – from **1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** (*began Sept. 23rd*)

THURS. **Small Group Study** – from **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** (*began Sept. 17th*)

Choir Practice – **7:30 to 9:00 p.m.**

NEXT SUN. **Worship Service (with Sunday School) – at 10:00 a.m.** Scripture
readings: Job 38:1–7, (34–41); Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35c (VU pgs.
826–827 parts 1 and 2); Hebrews 5:1–10; Mark 10:35–45.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

• LUNCH BUNCH

All women of the congregation are welcome to meet at **11:00 a.m.** on **October 26th** in the Lounge. Bring a bag lunch, a mug, and ideas for future meetings. Tea will be provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• CONDOLENCES

We are sad to announce the death of Judy Glover on October 14th. To John, her husband and to daughter Alison and Curt Obrecht we offer our sincere condolences. Judy was a very special member of our church family. Plans for a memorial service will be announced shortly.

• OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS BACK

Most of the congregation will know, but for newcomers Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's purse in which shoe boxes are used to send a child in a remote corner of the world a Christmas gift. These are children who may have never received a gift of any kind in their lives. You can select a boy or girl in one of three age ranges and fill the box with small gifts suited to the age and gender you have selected. Boxes are available in the Outreach corner or you can use an ordinary shoe box, wrapping the lid separately from the box. A label has to be applied to the box indicating the age and gender of the child and a \$7.00 contribution for each box is requested to cover shipping costs. There is a brochure that tells the age ranges, what can and cannot be a part of the gift and labels are provided in it. The boxes are collected in many BC centres, and in Western Canada Calgary is the shipping point. This year, Canadian shoe boxes will be sent to Central and South America. You may be interested in knowing that last year, Canada shipped over 713,000 boxes and since 1993, 5.8 million boxes have been sent by the counties participating in the program. More details are available on-line at www.samaritanspur.ca or by telephone at 1-800-303-1269. We have to have the boxes at the South Delta collection centre by Nov 15th. You are encouraged to write a personal note and/or send a photo of yourself or our community to make the gift more personal. If you have questions, Jean Stuart or Archie Mullan will try and answer them. Pick up your box today in the Outreach corner just outside the Hall.



• PIANO FOR SALE

Would anyone like to purchase the piano from the old Sunday School Room? We're not using it as we have three other pianos. If you're interested please contact Mary Sambell at 604-943-4349.

• HEALTH UPDATE

Rev. Doug Alexander is doing very well. As many know, Doug had been diagnosed with colon cancer and had radiation and chemotherapy during the summer. He recently visited his doctor, was given a clean bill of health and told he requires no more treatments!

• ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS READING

The United Church Resource Distribution Centre (UCRD) has several books that you might find of interest during Advent and Christmas:

1. *Advent Awakenings, Daily Devotions for the Season of Advent, Year C* (order # 978-1-55134-176-7, \$8.95)

This book is a gift to help us step off the frenetic treadmill that the Advent

season too often becomes. Its help comes by enabling us to listen deeply each day to the Advent scripture readings from the Daily Common Lectionary and John the Baptist's repeated Advent call to "prepare the way" for the holy babe who is coming.

2. *Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?* (order # CH10620, \$3.50)
Articles, reflections, activities, and how-to's all focus on creating a simpler Christmas.
3. *The Best Songs Come at Night* (order # 978-0-68765-980-7, \$8.99)
A four-week study that includes a scripture reading, reflection, questions, and a brief prayer.
4. *The Uncluttered Heart* (order # 978-0-83589-994-9, \$16.95)
Using traditional Advent themes, readers are invited to embrace the season in this daily devotional.

To order call UCRD at 1-800-288-7365 or e-mail ucrd@united-church.ca.

• TEEN YOGA

As part of its Youth program Tsawwassen United Church is sponsoring after school Teen Yoga classes led by Sandra Dawn, a certified yoga instructor. Yoga empowers teenagers to become more self-aware and confident. Students gain a sense of well-being, while developing strength and flexibility, and also learn breathing and relaxation techniques. Another important benefit is that students are taught ways to disengage from harmful or fearful thoughts, and how to calm the mind to release stress.



The classes will run for 6 weeks starting on **Wednesday, October 21st**. Teens are invited to arrive any time between 2:45 and 3:15 for social time and a fruit snack that is being provided by TUC's hospitality ministry. The yoga class will be from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. To register please contact the church office at 604-943-2911 or malmond@tsawwassenunited.org. As this program is sponsored by TUC there is no cost to the participants.

• DELTASSIST HALLOWEEN FAIR & PARKING LOT SALE

Deltassist Family & Community Services will be hosting a SPOOKTACULAR Halloween Fair & Parking Lot Sale on **October 25, 2009**, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at 9097 120th Street, Delta. Items for sale include home baked goods, books, clothes, art work, crafts, dishes, home décor and much more! All proceeds to the United Way.

• ENRICH YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

Consider a very special trip including The Passion Play In Oberammergau Germany in 2010. Two very different trips available: May—including coach through Germany, Switzerland, Netherlands, Belgium & France; August—including coach in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Germany and a 7-day cruise on the Danube. Two information sessions available — choose the one that suits you. In Surrey at Northwood United Church, 8855 156 St., on Sunday, October 18th, 3 to 5 PM, or in North Vancouver at St. Andrew's United Church, 1044 St. George's Ave. on Saturday, October 17th, 3 to 5 PM. Special discounts available at information sessions. Phone: 604-594-1262. E-mail: barbharry@shaw.ca. Tour Hosts: Rev Harry Steele & Barbara Gregg.

MINUTES FOR MISSION 2009

Face to Face

Meeting face to face is the best way to get to know someone. A Face to Face visit was a wonderful way for Colborne Street United Church in London, Ontario, to meet with the Rev. Rocio Barcenas, visitor from the Methodist Church in Colombia, a United Church partner. It showed the congregants some of the work that the Colombian church is involved with through donations to the Mission and Service Fund. The Methodist Church has 16 congregations and operates cafeterias for children of families displaced by civil war in Cartagena and Bogotá.

It was not only good to meet the Rev. Barcenas and learn about her church's work, but by travelling with her in London Conference, the group from Colborne Street also learned about local Mission and Service Fund efforts. They met residents of the Limberlost subsidized housing development in London, many of whom are single-parent families and refugees. They were introduced to the Aamjiwnaang First Nation United Church near Sarnia, Ontario, which receives M&S support to provide a strong focus for the community. They were greeted by those who receive a good meal from the "Out of the Cold" dinners offered by Colborne Street Church and other churches in London.

These visits helped the committee realize what they are a part of in The United Church of Canada. Your gifts to the Mission and Service Fund help us serve others face to face.



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Stewardship Seconds

The place God calls you is the place where your deep gladness and the world's hunger meet. — *Frederick Buechner*



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