

# Tsawwassen United Church

23rd Sunday After Pentecost /  
Remembrance Sunday

November 8, 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

\*OPENING HYMN: Through Ancient Walls

VU 691

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF OPENING:

**Eternal God, our only hope,  
our help in times of trouble:  
show nations ways to work out their differences.  
Do not let threats multiply  
or power be used without compassion.**

**May your will overrule human willfulness,  
so that people may agree and settle claims peacefully.  
Hold back all who are impulsive,  
lest desire for vengeance overwhelm our common welfare.  
Bring peace to earth, through Jesus Christ,  
the Prince of Peace and Saviour of us all. Amen.**

REMEMBRANCE RITUAL *(see screen)*

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

CONNECTING TO OUR HEART'S LONGING:

O Perfect Love

VU 491

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

READINGS: *(Reader: Lynne Meinert)*

Ruth 3:1–5, 4:13–17

Mark 12:38–44

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "Living Life's Questions"

\*HYMN: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

VU 684

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- The Offering is Collected
- Announcements of the Congregation's Life & Ministry
- \*Doxology: We Give You But Your Own
- \*Offering Prayer

VU 542

CHOIR ANTHEM

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

VU 916 (*bottom*)

THE LAST WORD: Psalm 127 (*selected verses*)

\*CLOSING HYMN: Take My Life and Let it Be

VU 506

\*BENEDICTION: May God's Sheltering Wings

MV 214

POSTLUDE: Let Us Build a House

~ Marty Haugen

# Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### November 8, 2009

*The flowers on the communion table this morning have been placed by  
Ollie Day in loving memory of Ken and Karen.*

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

**TODAY**      **Kinsmen Service** – at 9:30 a.m.

**Worship Service (with Godly Play)** – at 10:00 a.m.



**Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference** – Today we pray for Gilmore Park United, the Reverend Anna Christie & the Reverend Jennifer Goddard-Sheppard.

**WED.**      **Small Group Study** – from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**Teen Yoga** – meet at the church for a fruit snack any time between 2:45 and 3:15 p.m. Yoga class will be from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.

**THURS.**      **Small Group Study** – from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Choir Practice** – 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

**NEXT SUN.** **Worship Service (with Godly Play)** – at 10:00 a.m. Scripture readings: 1 Samuel 1:4–20; 1 Samuel 2:1–10 (VU pg. 878); Hebrews 10:11–14, (15–18), 19–25; Mark 13:1–8.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE**

Thanks to all who have taken a shoe box to fill. We have over 50 out and there are still a few available. The return delivery date to our church is Sunday, Nov. 15th. Don't forget the label designating the child you have selected, and don't seal the box. Use an elastic if you have to hold the lid down and a cheque of \$7 dollars is requested to help with shipping costs. Just place your cheque in the box on top of the toys, etc. We hope you are having fun with this project as those of us from Outreach did.



- **PLATES**

Two plates were left at the bake table at the Fall Fair. One is a blue and white plate with "Denmark" printed on it. The other is a clear glass plate with purple flowers. If either of these plates belongs to you please pick them up off the table in the narthex.

- **FIRST UNITED CHURCH MISSION GIVE-A-GIFT PROJECT**

The importance of acknowledging each individual in a special way at Christmas continues at First United. As in the past the Give-a-Gift Project will be part of Christmas at First and this project relies totally on the support of the wider community and church. First United is hoping our congregation will help by providing new socks and underwear as well as \$10.00 Safeway Cards or money donations made out to First United Church "Give-a-Gift" Project.

One day during the week of Christmas they hope to be able to give a new pair of socks and an orange to each of the men and women involved in that community. In February everyone will be given new underwear.

The Safeway cards are given out at Christmas and throughout the year to help singles and families. The cash donations will be used to purchase food items for the surprise hot breakfasts during the cold, wet months of Jan. and Feb and to purchase the much needed extra socks and underwear.

First United would appreciate our congregation's support in providing any of the above items or funds designated "Give-a-Gift". The goal for receipt of these items is Dec. 1st, 2009. All packages should be clearly marked "Give-a-Gift Project". Safeway cards or money donations made can be placed in the collection plate. For now all other items can be placed in the Outreach Corner outside the hall doors. In a few weeks a Christmas tree in the narthex will be set up on which you can place your gifts to First United.

As always there is an ongoing need at First for toiletries (razors, deodorant, tooth paste and tooth brushes, shampoo and combs) as well.

- **THE SACRED MUSIC OF DUKE ELLINGTON**

A concert on **November 20th** at St. Andrew's Wesley United Church (on Burrard at Nelson) at 8:00 p.m. featuring Dee Daniels, The Fred Stride Jazz Orchestra, James Caddell, Troy McLaughlin and members of the Phoenix Choir. Tickets: \$35 or \$125 (including \$90 tax receipt & entrance to reception to meet performers). Call Nina Matthews at 604-681-8365 ext 117 to purchase.

- **REQUEST FROM FIRST UNITED**

First United is in desperate need of dinner plates, forks, bowl and mugs particularly now as they are serving 3 meals a day, 7 days a week. If you can possibly help it would be appreciated. Donations can be left in the Outreach corner outside the hall.

- **DELTASSIST CHRISTMAS HAMPER AND TOY DEPOT**

Registration begins November 2nd. Delta families on low-income are eligible to register for a Christmas Food Hamper and attendance at their annual Toy Depot to select gifts for their children up to the age of 16. To complete registration, they require: 1. Proof of residence in Delta; 2. Proof of income, and; 3. Care cards for children. Eligible families must apply in person at the Deltassist North Delta Office (9097 120th Street, Delta, BC, Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 4:00pm) or the Ladner Office (4891 Delta Street, Ladner, BC, Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 12:00pm, 1:00pm - 4:00pm). The registration deadline for the Toy Depot is December 4. The registration deadline for a Food Hamper is December 11. Register before November 20th and enter a draw to win a free family portrait. Photo shoot will be held Saturday November 28th at Deltassist's North Delta Office.

- **HEALING PATHWAY, PHASE 1**

The Naramata Healing Pathway curriculum supports congregations in developing their healing ministry. Phase One is an introduction to the basic concepts of the Christian ministry of healing hands with an emphasis on learning how to be an instrument of God's healing power. The Phase One workshop will be held at Ryerson United Church in Vancouver on two Saturdays, **November 21st** and **November 28th**. The cost is \$140. For more information contact Karen Stewart at 778-292-1845 or [kasinbc@yahoo.ca](mailto:kasinbc@yahoo.ca). There is also a brochure on the table below the bulletin board in the narthex.

- **EPIPHANY EXPLORATIONS 2010: A SYMPOSIUM OFFERING RICH RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY AND LAY LEADERSHIP**

**January 21st to 25th, 2010**, First Metropolitan United Church, 932 Balmoral Rd., Victoria, BC. Register by Nov. 30th and save! Five days of spiritual nurture, continuing education and music with internationally recognized speakers. For more information or to register, visit the First Metropolitan United Church website: [www.frstmetvictoria.com/epiphany](http://www.frstmetvictoria.com/epiphany).

## **E-Letters**

The minister sends weekly letters via e-mail to members of the congregation.

Please make sure the minister has your e-mail address. The e-letters are also posted on the church website at [www.tsawwassenunited.org/ministersletter.htm](http://www.tsawwassenunited.org/ministersletter.htm). For those without internet access a printed copy of the e-mail can be found on the table in the narthex.

# MINUTES FOR MISSION 2009

## *Remembering the Continuing Struggle*

As we approach November 11, we remember those who have fought for human rights, and we acknowledge those who continue the struggle.

Every year, the Cordillera Peoples' Alliance in the Philippines (CPA), a long-time partner of the United Church, celebrates Cordillera Day. Cordillera Day began in 1981 as a day of remembrance for Macliing Dulag, who was assassinated by the armed forces. He was the first community leader to be killed for opposing a destructive, government-proposed development project in the region.

Now, Cordillera Day has expanded into an annual two-day political forum in a part of the Cordillera region that is facing imminent threat of destructive development or militarization. In 2008, the event was in the communities of Licuan-Baay, high in the Abra mountains, which is in danger of losing control over its land and natural resources to a large-scale open-pit gold mine approved by the national government. The communities have been facing government pressure and physical intimidation from the armed forces to accept the proposal of a Canadian company that specializes in overseas gold mining.

Three thousand delegates converged on Licuan-Baay in support of the struggle against the Canadian mining company and its national partners. The event educated the delegates about the issues facing the region. There were speeches by leaders of peoples' organizations, workshops on state terrorism, and legal remedies for human rights abuses.

The CPA's work for food security, poverty reduction, and human rights puts them at odds with a violent, anti-people government. The United Church of Canada provides Mission and Service funding to help the CPA with this important event. In the Philippines, the Mission and Service Fund allows the church and its representatives to walk the path to freedom and justice with our partners. Please remember to put money in the collection plate for the M&S Fund: It is a vital resource to our partner churches and people's organizations in the Philippines and all over the world.



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