

Tsawwassen United Church

Easter Sunday

April 12, 2009, 10:00 AM

Easter is a fifty-day celebration of the resurrection of Jesus.

*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: Easter Triumph

~ Carl Wilhelm Kern

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES:

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

Psalm 118:19

GREETINGS:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Hallelujah! Alleluia!

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Christ has risen . . .

Christ has risen indeed.

God is alive . . .

new birth is given.

Hope is alive . . .

a new age is dawning.

Joy is alive . . .

redemption is here.

Love is alive . . .

death cannot harm us.

We are alive . . .

new life is within us.

The church is alive . . .

God's Spirit is within us. Let us celebrate the God of resurrection!

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*HYMN: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

VU 155

OPENING PRAYER:

God of renewed presence,

on this Easter day we know that with you all things are possible.

May the Good News of Easter joy fill our lives and make our hearts glad.

Hallelujah. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Let us confess our shortcomings, recalling the words of Christ:

Jesus said, "Peace be with you."

**Yet sometimes we sow discord,
neglecting to make peace with our sisters and brothers.**

Jesus said, "As God has sent me, so I send you."

**Yet sometimes we refuse to go, fearing to follow
unknown paths of faith.**

Jesus said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

But we turn away, rejecting the gifts of the Spirit.

(silent reflection)

Forgive us, blessed God, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*HYMN: I was There to Hear Your Boring Cry VU 644

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *(see insert)*

CHOIR'S ANTHEM: Resurrection Chorus ~ Jack W. Hayford and Jack Schrader

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: *(Reader: Marleen Soutar)*

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34–43 pew Bible N.T. page 123

GOSPEL READING: John 20:1–18 pew Bible N.T. page 109

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "No Easter Without the Cross"

*HYMN: In the Bulb There is a Flower VU 703

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 VU 541
- Offering Prayer

*CLOSING HYMN: Rejoice, the Lord is King VU 213

*COMMISSIONING

*BENEDICTION: Hallelujah! VU 837, refrain only

POSTLUDE: Crown Him With Many Crowns ~ arr. by John Troutman

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The sacrament of baptism
proclaims and celebrates the grace of God.

By water and the Spirit,
we are called, claimed, and commissioned:
we are called God's own,
welcomed as children of God;
we are claimed by Christ,
united with Christ,

united with one another and the Christian community
of every time and place;
we are commissioned to Christ's ministry
of love, peace, and justice,
and strengthened by the Holy Spirit
for the work of the church in the world.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES:

On behalf of the congregation of Tsawwassen United Church,
I present the following persons for initiation into the body of Christ through
baptism:

Minta René (Chan) Sherritt

Monica Evelyn Elisabeth Shantz, daughter of Natalie and Mark Shantz

William Richard Sherritt, son of Minta and Mark Sherritt

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES:

To Minta Sherritt:

Do you believe in God, Source of love;
in Jesus Christ, love incarnate;
and in the Holy Spirit, love's power.

I do, by the grace of God.

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ,
do you seek to resist evil, and to live in love and justice?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you follow the way of Jesus Christ?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in this congregation to share in the life, work, and ministry of Jesus Christ?

I will, God being my helper.

To the parents:

Will you share your faith with *N.* (and *N.*),
growing with *him/her/them* in faith, hope, and love?

I will, God being my helper.

COMMITMENT OF GODPARENTS:

Will you pray for *this/these child(ren)*
and take care that *she/he/they* may learn and live the faith?

I will, God being my helper.

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT:

Let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

**As a baptized and baptizing people,
we commit ourselves to support and uphold you
within the community of faith.**

May God grant us all
the grace to live out our baptism.

Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — A NEW CREED:

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE POURING OF WATER

THE ACT OF BAPTISM: BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF THE TRIUNE GOD

BLESSING

MARKING WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

LAYING ON OF HANDS

LIGHTING OF A CANDLE

DECLARATION AND CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME:

Let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

**As a baptized and baptizing people,
we commit ourselves to support and uphold you
within the community of faith.**

May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.

Amen.

BLESSING

Today we are receiving through Baptism:

Minta René (Chan) Sherritt

and

Monica Evelyn Elisabeth Shantz,
child of Natalie Shantz and Mark Shantz

and

William Richard Sherritt,
child of Minta Sherritt and Mark Sherritt

Godparents for William:
Andrea Chan
and William Sherritt

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 12, 2009

*The flowers on the communion table this morning are placed
by Bev Stowe and family in loving memory of Bob Stowe.*

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

TODAY

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service – at **6:00 a.m.** Held at the 12th Avenue dyke on the beach. Sunrise is predicted at 6:26 a.m. A light breakfast at the church will follow.

Kinsmen Service – at **9:30 a.m.**

Easter Sunday Worship Service (with baptism) – at **10:00 a.m.**

Those to be presented for baptism: William Richard Sherritt, son of Minta and Mark Sherritt, and Monica Evelyn Elisabeth Shantz, daughter of Natalie and Mark Shantz.



Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference – Today we pray for the members of Victoria Presbytery.

WED.

Junior Choir..... **3:30 p.m.**

THURS.

Handbell Choir **6:15 p.m.**

Choir..... **7:45 p.m.**

NEXT SUN.

Worship Service – at **10:00 a.m.** Scripture readings: Acts 4:32–35; Psalm 133 (VU pg. 856); 1 John 1:1–2:2; John 20:19–31.

Fiddle Variety Show

STAY TUNED



Starring...

Scott Woods

Canadian Open Fiddle Champion * Grand Masters Fiddle Champion * Fiddle Entertainer of the Year
Novelty Fiddle Champion * Duet Fiddle Champion

A two-hour musical journey back in time - to when the variety television and radio shows ruled the airways. Canadian Fiddle Champion Scott Woods and his band perform traditional country, gospel and swing music with fancy fiddling, step dancing and a generous dose of humour. Don't miss this family entertainment.

**Top Notch!
Best Canadian
Talent.**

- A. Myles, Saskatchewan

Appearing at:

Tsawwassen United Church

693 53rd Street, Tsawwassen

604-943-2911

Tuesday, May 26th, 7PM

Ticket Price: \$20.00



ANNOUNCEMENTS

• UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER

It's renewal time for *The United Church Observer*. The magazine reports on issues affecting denominational and congregational life, as well as covering a wide range of general-interest issues of concern to people of faith today. If you'd like to renew your 12 month subscription please write a \$15 cheque payable to "The Observer", put it in an envelope addressed to the church office, and place it in the collection plate on Sunday. You can also mail it to the church office, bring it into the office during the week, or drop it in the mailbox outside of the church front door. **The deadline is April 12th.** New subscriptions are welcome. The March issue of "The Observer" is available in the narthex for anyone who wishes to borrow it.



• DRIVERS NEEDED

The Pastoral Care Division is looking for volunteers to *occasionally* drive members of our congregation to and/or from doctor appointments or meetings, *locally*. If you are able to help, please contact Jean Ryan, 604-948-9880, or leave a message in the church office.

• AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Come and have some fun in our spring clean-up! Your church needs you to help organize our annual half-day spring clean-up of the church grounds. Please let the office know if you'd be willing to do this.

• RUMMAGE SALE

Oak Avenue Neighbourhood Hub, 12740 102nd Avenue, Surrey, is having a rummage sale on **Sat., April 18**, from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** There will be clothing, baked goods and much more! Special offer: grad/formal dresses and shoes.

• BARB ELYETT, IN CONCERT

On **Sunday, April 26**, contemporary Christian singer, award-winning songwriter and four time Maja Award nominee, Barb Elyett, will be performing a free concert at Trinity Lutheran Church (11040 River Road) in Delta at **7:00 p.m.** Philippa McCracken of Cross Rhythms, UK calls Elyett's music "sincere, heartfelt, meaningful, and inspiring" and Michael Hughes of Christian Mix Inet radio Missouri, says Elyett's stand out vocals and writing are powerful, effective and need to be heard. Cost: FREE! Bring your friends! Info: 604-584-0111 or www.barbelyett.com.

• SUMMER JOB POSTING

North America Indigenous Ministries in Delta has a summer job available that's open to full-time post-secondary students returning to full-time studies in the fall. Please see the posting on the bulletin board for details.

• CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF NARAMATA CENTRE — RESTORE, REFRESH AND CREATE ITS FUTURE

Enjoy an evening of Okanagan wines, delicious appetizers, silent auction and live music on Friday, April 24th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the historic Baldwin House on the shore of Burnaby's Deer Lake. Silent auction items include

private accommodation at this lovely Arthur Erickson-designed home for the following evening. Tickets are \$75 per person (a \$50 charitable donation receipt will be issued). All proceeds to Naramata Centre's capital campaign. For information or to purchase tickets call the Centre toll-free at 1-877-966-5751 or contact the organizing committee at 604-433-9732 or eljam@telus.net.

- **KATY HUTCHESON STORY**

Katy Hutcheson has a story of anger, forgiveness and reconciliation that is shocking and inspiring. Her story follows the Christian message in a way that few of us would like to be tested. The murder of her husband and her forgiveness of the killer are well beyond any normal expectation. Listen to her story from **2pm to 4pm** at First United Church on **April 15**. First United is at 320 East Hastings at Gore Street in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Some underground parking will be available. Price is \$25.00. (Katy will also share in the Celebration Service at 5.45pm). Please call (604)681-8365 for details and to reserve your place.

- **SONGS FOR THE HOLIEST SEASON: A rich intercultural exploration of the Spirit during the holiest time of the year.**

Local United Church musician Bruce Harding (www.bruceharding.com) are touring April 4-19 with Neeraj Prem (www.ragamusicsschool.com), a United Church musician from Ontario who is one of Canada's finest players of the North Indian sitar. These are wonderful events, worship and concert offerings which explore the intermix of cultures, as Neeraj and Bruce share songs from their repertoires and see what happens in the spirit of the moment. Here is the remaining schedule for the lower mainland:

- Friday, April 17, 7:30pm - Neeraj Prem and Bruce Harding in concert, Royal Heights United Church, North Delta
- Saturday, April 18, 7:00pm - Neeraj Prem and Bruce Harding in concert, Peace Lutheran Church, Abbotsford
- Sunday, April 19, 10:30am - Parish Eucharist, Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver
- Sunday, April 19, 7:00pm - Sunday Evening Worship, Shaughnessy Heights United Church, Vancouver

Visit www.evensong.ca website for event updates, and please help spread the word!

- **GOLF FORE THE HOMELESS**

A fund-raising golf tournament in support of the work of First United Church in Vancouver's downtown-eastside. Date: **Monday, May 4, 2009**. Place: University Golf Club, 5185 University Blvd., Vancouver. Time: 1:00 p.m. shotgun start (Texas Scramble). Fee: \$200 (registration fee includes light lunch, pull cart, golf, barbecue dinner, silent auction, tax receipt for \$60). **If you're interested in participating please contact Rick Soutar at 604-943-7524.**



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