

Tsawwassen United Church

First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2010, 10:00 AM

Lent is a forty day season of reflection and preparation for the death and 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 MUSIC: Finn Manniche on cello

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN: Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

VU 115

PRAYER OF APPROACH

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

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

CONNECTING TO OUR HEART'S LONGING

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

VU 121, Lent 1 Verse

(Finn Manniche will play it through once, then the congregation will sing, then Finn will play it through one more time.)

**From the dawning of creation,
you have loved us as your own,
stay with us through all temptation,
make us turn to you alone,
make us turn to you alone.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

READINGS:

Psalm 91: On Eagle's Wings

VU 808

Luke 4:1–13

Pew Bible N.T. p. 58

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*HYMN: Forty Days and Forty Nights

VU 114

SERMON: "Into the Wilderness"

CHOIR'S ANTHEM: Take My Yoke Upon You ~ Paul Williams & Douglas Nolan
(Cello: Finn Manniche)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- The Offering is Collected
- *Doxology: Grant Us, God, the Grace Tune VU 542

**1. These Lenten gifts we bring,
our living faith express.
We offer them most lovingly,
and thus our hearts are blessed.**

**2. O loving God,
receive these gifts we gladly give
That show our faith and hope and trust;
your way we seek to live.**

- Offering Prayer (*music by Finn Manniche & Sandra Dawn*)

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*) VU 960

*CLOSING HYMN: I Love to Tell the Story VU 343

THE LAST WORD: From Romans 10

BENEDICTION

COMMISSIONING

POSTLUDE: There is Room for All ~ Bruce Harding

*We thank Finn Manniche for sharing
his musical gifts with us this morning.*

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 21, 2010

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

TODAY

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

We will be joined by cellist Finn Manniche. Finn is a versatile and passionate musician with a Music degree from UBC and a penchant for playing anything and everything, whether on guitar or cello. He plays Swing and New Music, Bach to Bacharach, Surf and other worldly sounds. He can be heard playing live and on CD with: the Armadillo String Quartet, Ensemble Symposium, the Jazzmanian Devils, Soul Crib, the Paperboys, Denzel Sinclair, 54/40, Murray McLauchlan, Mae Moore and Cam Wilson's varying orchestral extravaganzas.



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

MON.

Lunch Bunch — meet in the church lounge at **11:00 a.m.** All ladies of the church are welcome. Melanie Williams will be our guest speaker. She will talk about her recent trip to Nicaragua. Bring a bag lunch.

WED.

Talk on Heart Attack Risk Factors – at **2:30 to 3:30 p.m.** Mark Chandy, MD, PhD, internal medicine resident at University of British Columbia, will speak at Tsawwassen United on modifiable heart attack risk factors. The talk is free of charge as part of UBC's community outreach program. Mark your calendars!

THURS. Choir Practice – at 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

SAT. Workshop on Centering Prayer – 10:30 a.m. to noon. *See notice below for details.*

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

Scripture readings: Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18; Psalm 27 (VU pp. 753–755); Philippians 3:17–4:1; Luke 13:31–35.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

- **FREE INTRO TALK FOR MEN AND WOMEN:
‘LIFE, LOVE AND RELATIONSHIPS —WHAT EVERY MAN NEEDS TO KNOW’**
With Godfrey Nash, Certified Professional Coach, Certified Relationship Coach
Date: **Monday, February 22, 2010**
Time: **7:00 p.m.**
Location: Tsawwassen United Church Lounge
Cost: No charge
Please call Godfrey for more info at 604-240-4700.
- **FOR OUR LENTEN JOURNEY**
A workshop on centering prayer will be held **Saturday, February 27th, 10:30 a.m. to noon.** in the Quiet Centre at TUC. No previous experience required. Please contact Rose-Hannah to register or if you have any questions.
- **SENIORS MINDFUL MOVEMENT**
Introductory classes on **Wednesday, March 3rd & 10th, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.,** in the TUC Quiet Centre.
 - improve range of motion, strength and flexibility
 - release stress
 - learn breathing practices to increase vitality
 - improve mental focus, and ability to deeply relax mind & bodyPlease do not eat for two hours before the class. Registration required, by calling the TUC office. Church members — FREE; non-members — by donation. Limit 12 participants for each class. You may register for one or both, space permitting.
- **CHILDREN’S MUSIC & MOVEMENT — AGES 5–12**
Beginning after Spring Break...
Beginning **Wednesdays, March 24th,** and ongoing, **3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.**
Location: TUC Quiet Centre. This class will explore using the voice, rhythm and body movement in a fun and creative way. FREE for all Children. Please call TUC to register.
- **TEEN YOGA — AGES 13–18**
Beginning after Spring Break...
Thursdays, March 25th – May 27th (10 weeks), **3:15 – 4:15 p.m.** in the TUC Quiet Centre. FREE for all Teens. It is encouraged that participants register for 5 consecutive weeks, as class material will build on previous weeks; March 24 – April 22nd, and/or April 30 – May 27. Please call Sandra for more information, 778-240-4704.

Vancouver Orpheus Male Choir

performing at

Tsawwassen United Church
Sunday, March 7, 2010, 2PM

Tickets: \$20.00 — available from the church office



*Entertaining concerts are the Orpheus Choir's hallmark.
Combining a repertoire of male choral standards with surprising
arrangements of contemporary works, they deliver beyond expectations!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The World Day of Prayer will be held at Sacred Heart Church at 3900 Arthur Drive, in Ladner, at 2:00 p.m. on **Friday, March 5th**. Other churches participating are All Saints Anglican, Ladner United, Benediction Lutheran and Tsawwassen United. The theme is "Let everything that has breath praise God". More information may be found on the posters or on the tables by the entrance door.

- **THOSE BAPTIZED AT TUC IN 2009**

Josephine Ethel Obera, January 11
Timothy Peter Blewett, January 11
Minta Rene Sherrit, April 12
Monica Evelyn Elisabeth Shantz, April 12
William Richard Sherritt, April 12
Carys Rye Woolford, August 9

- **TAX RECEIPTS**

TUC's 2009 charitable tax receipts are available for pick-up in the narthex. All receipts not picked up by Sunday, February 21st, will be put in the mail on Monday, February 22nd.

- **BIRTHDAY BAGS**

Birthday bag time has arrived. Our goal is to equal the 40 bags we prepared last year. These are all distributed through Oak Avenue Hub where there are about 200 families coming to the Clothes Closet for help with every day living. Most of the families are the working poor who are just getting by. A birthday bag provides everything a parent needs to host a birthday party for eight children. The most needy families are offered bags by the volunteers in the Clothes Closet. Detailed lists of what goes into a large birthday bag can be found at the Outreach bulletin board just outside the hall. Many members of the congregation enjoy shopping for the items at the dollar stores and when sales come on for cake mixes, icings, juice crystals, etc., in the grocery stores. However, some people prefer giving money and to do so mark your envelope or cheque "Birthday Bags". A tax credit is issued this way included in your annual charitable tax receipt.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM FIRST UNITED**

Share the Gold

Whether we support or oppose the Olympics, the efforts of VANOC have proved that we have the ability and resources to overcome massive obstacles and achieve significant outcomes. We can direct the same energy towards addressing the Olympian challenges of homelessness. Please consider wearing gold/yellow during the Olympics to support the initiative and check our website for information www.frstunited.ca. For yellow scarves call First United (604-681-8365).

"Run/Walk for the Homeless Fundraiser"

Once again, First United (Vancouver) is entering a team in the Sun Run on May 9th. Please consider joining the team and collecting pledges or sponsoring a homeless person to participate. We also need volunteers to help spread the word, to put posters in the community and to work with the staff to create more participation. We look forward to hearing from you! Please contact Isabelle, the Fund Development Coordinator on 604 681 8365 (ext 118).

Golf Fore the Homeless

A fundraising tournament to support the work of First United (Vancouver) will be held on Monday, May 3rd at the University Golf Course at 1:00pm with a shotgun start. Registration is \$200 which includes dinner and a \$60 tax receipt. For more information contact Bob Burrows (604-290-6159 or Isabelle Pecqueur (604-681-8365 ext 118).

Stewardship Seconds

Every one of us has the power to help someone who is powerless.



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