

Tsawwassen United Church

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 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

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (*see back of bulletin*)

*OPENING HYMN: Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights VU 108

CHORAL ANTHEM: Lenten Meditation

~ Jay Althouse

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

PRAYER FOR RESTORING LIFE:

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

VU 121, Lent 2 Verse

**In our call to be a blessing,
may we be a blessing true;
may we live and die confessing
Christ as Lord of all we do,
Christ as Lord of all we do.**

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (*see back of bulletin*)

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

READINGS:

Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

Pew Bible O. T. p. 11

Psalm 27 (*read responsively, with sung refrain*)

VU 754

Luke 13:31–35

Pew Bible N.T. p. 73

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: “The Journey Continues”

CHORAL ANTHEM:

Dust and Ashes Touch Our Face

~ Brian Wren & Ron Klusmeier

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- The Offering is Collected
- Announcements of the Congregation's Life & Ministry
- *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

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

*CLOSING HYMN: Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

VU 421

THE LAST WORD: From Philippians 3

BENEDICTION: May God's Sheltering Wings

MV 214

COMMISSIONING

POSTLUDE

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 28, 2010

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

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



Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference – Today we pray for Shaughnessy Heights United and the Reverend Gordon How and Staff Associate Pamela Jeffrey.

WED. **Senior's Mindful Movement – 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the TUC Quiet Centre. *See below for details.*

THURS. **Choir Practice – at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

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

Scripture readings: Isaiah 55:1–9; Psalm 63:1–8 (VU p. 781); 1 Corinthians 10:1–13; Luke 13:1–9.

Vancouver Orpheus Male Choir – *see notice on back page for details.*

UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

• SENIOR'S 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 & body

Please 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.

- **MEN'S CLUB**

The Men's Club will be having a breakfast meeting on **Saturday, March 13, 2010**, at the Tsawwassen Golf Club. Coffee will be served at **8:00 a.m.** and breakfast at **8:30 a.m.** The speaker will be our own Melanie Williams, who will give a Powerpoint presentation on her recent trip to Nicaragua. All men of the congregation are welcome. Anyone who is not a member of the Men's Club and who wishes to attend please phone either Bill Williams (604-943-7262) or Albert Knudsen (604-943-6748) by Tuesday, March 9, 2010.

- **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.

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.

- **PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SERVICES CHOIR**

We would LOVE some more singers to join us to prepare for the Palm Sunday and Easter services! Especially some MEN. We have some great music planned that needs a full sound, so please join us if you can. Flutist Betty McBurney will play along on March 28th, and violinist Julia Latimer will play with the choir on Easter Sunday. It's only a three rehearsal commitment: Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30/7:45 p.m. on March 11th, 25th, and April 1st. If you can join us, please let Sandra know on a Sunday morning, or via e-mail/phone.



- **BOOK TABLE**

There are a number of spiritual and theology books on the table in the narthex for you to select. You may take as many as you would like for your personal library.

- **HOLY WEEK RESOURCE FOR SALE**

Iona Dawn, a day by day devotional reader for holy week. A wonderful gift for yourself this year, or for a good friend. Price: \$19.90. Only one available.

- **UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER**

The February issue of *The United Church Observer* is available for borrowing from the black file box on the table in the narthex under the bulletin board.

- **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

- **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.

- **REDISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH: ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FROM INDIGENOUS AND FAITH PERSPECTIVES**

A conference which draws on faith traditions to present alternatives in the context of the global economic crisis. Presented by Interfaith Summer Institute for Justice, Peace, and Social Movements, Simon Fraser University, **March 5–7, 2010**, at Maritime Labour Centre, 1880 Triumph Street, Vancouver (Coast Salish Territory). This interdisciplinary conference brings together scholars and activists, both secular and faith-based, who are exploring alternatives to neo-liberal capitalism that are grounded in sacred cosmologies and/or incorporate values that prioritize and link redistribution of wealth with respectful relationships with land. Speakers will include both local and international resource people. Cost: \$35–\$100 sliding scale. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. For more information and registration go to www.interfaithjustforpeace.org.

- **SPIRITUAL SPA DAY AT KNOX UNITED CHURCH**

On **Saturday, March 6th**, from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** A gift to you, free, without obligations. Come to the Fellowship Centre beside the church at 5600 Balaclava St. (and West 41st) for a sacred day to unwind, relax and immerse yourself in the warmth of holiness. There are many opportunities to help you to design your own day. Healing Touch ~ Sacred Walk ~ Gentle Yoga ~ Creative

Dance ~ Singing. Be led in meditation. Be in the chapel to light a candle with inspiring music and quiet prayer time. Paint or mold clay to express your spiritual creativity. RSVP to psalm119@telus.net or call Sydney at 604-731-6307 by Wednesday, March 3rd and tell them you are coming so they can make enough soup. For more information: www.knoxunitedvancouver.org.

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!*

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.

Stewardship Seconds

Focusing on the needs of others reduces our own fearfulness.



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