

Tsawwassen United Church

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 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: As the Sun with Longer Journey

VU 111

SWEET CHARITY TRIO: More Than Enough
(with Jan McLaurin, Marilyn Merry and Sandra Timuss)

~ Robert Gay Jan

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

CONNECTING TO OUR HEART'S LONGING:

Psalm 63 *(read responsively, with sung refrain)*

VU 781, Refrain #2

Time for Silent Prayer

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL *(see back of bulletin)*

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

VU 121, Lent 3 Verse

**Living Water of salvation
be the fountain of each soul,
springing up in new creation,
flow in us and make us whole,
flow in us and make us whole.**

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

READINGS: *(Reader: Jan McLaurin)*

Isaiah 55:1–9

Pew Bible O. T. p. 650

Luke 13:1–9

Pew Bible N.T. p. 72

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "One More Chance"

*HYMN: Three Things I Promise

MV 176

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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
- *Offering Prayer

VU 541

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

*CLOSING HYMN: He Leadeth Me

VU 657

THE LAST WORD: From 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

BENEDICTION

COMMISSIONING

POSTLUDE

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 7, 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 the members of Prince Rupert Presbytery.

Vancouver Orpheus Male Choir – at 2:00 p.m. *See advertisement for details.*

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.**

SAT. **Men's Club Breakfast – 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 rip 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.

NEXT SUN. **Worship Service (with Godly Play) – at 10:00 a.m.**
Scripture readings: Joshua 5:9–12; Psalm 32 (VU p. 759); 2 Corinthians 5:16–21; Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32.

Vancouver Orpheus Male Choir

performing at

Tsawwassen United Church

Sunday, March 7, 2010, 2PM

Tickets: \$20.00 — available at the door



*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!*

• SENIOR'S MINDFUL MOVEMENT

Introductory class on **Wednesday, March 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 e-mailing or calling the TUC office. Church members — FREE; non-members — by donation. Limit 12 participants for each class.

• 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 e-mail or 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

• **BIRTHDAY BAGS UPDATE!**

Your response to the request for birthday bag items has been wonderful! We need only some of the following items to complete our goal of 40 birthday bags:

- invitations for 8
- balloons
- tablecloths
- cake mixes
- cans of icing
- packages of candles
- large birthday bags (approx. 12”w. x 14”h.)

Once completed the birthday bags will be distributed through Oak Avenue Hub where there are about 200 families coming to the Clothes Closet for help with everyday 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.



• **THANK YOU!**

I am happily recovering from a total hip replacement and I want to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes.

~ Dorothy Wells

• **HOSPITALITY NEEDED**

Hospitality is needed when the Ladner & Tsawwassen Ministerial Association meets at Tsawwassen United at noon on Thursday, March 18th. MLA Vikki Huntington will be present.

I would be most grateful if a few members of the congregation would be present to greet people and if there could be tea, coffee and sweets for the meeting. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

~ Rose-Hannah

• **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.



- **HEART ATTACK RISK FACTORS**

Paper or digital copies of the slides used during the February 24th talk on heart attack risk factors are available. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy.

- **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.

- **CHILEAN EARTHQUAKE**

The Chilean quake was 1,000 times the size of the Haiti quake, the 5th largest ever measured and actually shortened the day on Earth. The area on the coast from Concepcion to Santiago (inland) is hard hit. See: <http://www.united-church.ca/communications/news/response/100301>.

The United Church has already sent \$100,000 from the Mission and Service Fund to ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together), with more to go. If you wish to donate go to: <https://www.strategicprofitsinc.com/unitedchurch/donate/index.php>. Make sure you check off the Emergency Response Fund and specify CHILE on the appropriate box. It is important to know that there are no administrative fees deducted from your donation. Or else from your cellphone text "CHILE" to 20222 to donate \$10 to World Vision and contribute to the reconstruction of Chile. Or text "CHILE" to 25383 to donate \$10 to Habitat for Humanity. Or text "CHILE" to 52000 to donate \$10 to the Salvation Army.

If individuals would prefer not to donate online they are invited to contribute through the United Church's Emergency Response Fund. Send your cheque directly to The United Church of Canada's national office, 3250 Bloor St. West, Suite 300, Toronto, ON, M8X 2Y4. Cheques should be made payable to The United Church of Canada and marked "Chilean Earthquake Relief". As part of the United Church's Emergency Response Fund, 85 percent of your donation will go directly to emergency response in Chile. Fifteen percent will be used to support emergencies that do not receive intense media coverage and response. No administration fees will be deducted from your donation.

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