

# Tsawwassen United Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2010, 10:00 AM

*Lent is a forty day season of refection 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: Moonlight Sonata

~ Ludwig van Beethoven

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

INVOCATION: Come Now, O God of Peace

~ Marion Pope & Geonyong Lee

*(with the Senior Choir and the Hand Bells)*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *(see back of bulletin)*

\*OPENING HYMN: Just as I Am

VU 508

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

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CONNECTING TO OUR HEART'S LONGING:

“Repentance and Reconciliation”

From Luke 15 — The Prodigal Son

Time for Silent Prayer

Instrumental Music

From Luke 15 — The Elder Son

Solo: Amarilli *(with Sandra Dawn)*

~ Italian aria by Giulio Caccini

Time for Silent Refection

From Luke 15 — The Father

Instrumental Music

From Luke 15 — The Servant

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

\*HYMN: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

VU 271

## **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 VU 541
- \*Offering Prayer

\*CLOSING HYMN: Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love VU 574

BENEDICTION

COMMISSIONING

POSTLUDE

# Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### March 14, 2010

*The flowers on the communion table this morning have been placed to honour the memory of Pilot Officer Roderick John Heather R.C.A.F., killed in action March 12th, 1943.*

## 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 South Arm United Church, the Reverend Doctor Gary Gaudin & Staff Associate Jenni Chung.

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

Scripture readings: Isaiah 43:16–21; Psalm 126 (VU p. 850);  
Philippians 3:4b–14; John 12:1–8.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

### • 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

- **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

Do you want to have a little fun and interact with your fellow congregants? Then, this could be your gig! We need your help with the preparation of coffee, tea and juice for our fellowship time after worship on Sundays.

To clarify the request (there are really two requests), a co-ordinator is needed to ensure people are signed up each week and, if no one has signed up, to contact and arrange with people to perform this task.

The other request is that you volunteer to be available on a Sunday morning to do it.

Many of you have said you'd like to do it but you just don't know which Sunday you'd be available. If that's the case, just pick a Sunday to do it and if something comes up, you can contact one or two of your buddies to do it for you. This service is not confined to the women in our congregation. *Men! Show us your fair for brewing a good cuppa!*

This is a small labour of love that's fun and provides the opportunity of meeting more of your fellow parishioners. The sign-up sheet for April and May is on the table in the narthex.

- **UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER**

The March 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.

- **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.



- **“LIFT EVERY VOICE” ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

This year “Lift Every Voice” will be on **Palm Sunday, March 28th, at 7:00 p.m.** at Ladner Christian Reformed Church, 4594-54A Street, Ladner. “Lift Every Voice” is a concert of praise and thanksgiving, which features different musical groups and choirs from the Christian community in South Delta. An offering will be received at the service in support of The Community Fund of Faith. This

fund is used, under the direction of a group of Christians appointed from different churches, through the Ministerial to offer one time help to persons in the South Delta Community who find themselves in difficulty and cannot access help through any other means. Please plan to attend.

- **SUNRISE SERVICE**

If anyone in the congregation would like to organize a lay-led Sunrise Service on Easter morning, please contact Lynne Meinert at 604-943-4082.

- **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.



- **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.

- **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.

- **OAK AVENUE RUMMAGE SALE**

Oak Avenue Neighbourhood Hub (12740 – 102nd Avenue, Surrey) is having a rummage sale on **Saturday, March 20th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** There will be clothing, furniture, appliances, TVs, baked goods and much more. Lunch counter special: chili, hamburgers, hot dogs and more.

- **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.

## **Stewardship Seconds**

All that God has given is ours to share  
with those who seek God's help through us.



## **Fragrance-Free Policy**

In consideration of others who may suffer from chemical sensitivities and may have allergic reactions to heavy scents, we would request that you refrain from wearing scents such as perfumes, colognes, hairspray or after-shave when at Tsawwassen United Church.



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