

Tsawwassen United Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 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

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *(see back of bulletin)*

*OPENING HYMN: Giver of the Perfect Gift

VU 116

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

CONNECTING TO OUR HEART'S LONGING:

A Reading from Mother Teresa's Writings

Time for Silent Prayer

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL *(see back of bulletin)*

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

VU 121, Lent 4&5 Verses

(Jane will play through once, then the congregation will sing.)

**Give us eyes to see you clearly,
make us children of your light;
give us hearts to live more nearly
as your gospel shining bright,
as your gospel shining bright.**

**God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death;
hold us close through each tomorrow,
love as near as every breath,
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LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

READINGS: *(Reader: Lynne Meinert)*

Isaiah 43:16–21

Pew Bible O. T. p. 638

John 12:1–8

Pew Bible N.T. p. 101

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*HYMN: God in the Darkness

MV 17

SERMON: “Jesus talks about his death; God is doing a new thing”

CHOIR ANTHEM: Lonesome Valley

Solo: Sandra Dawn

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

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

VU 960

*CLOSING HYMN: Take My Life and Let it Be

VU 506

THE LAST WORD: From Philippians

BENEDICTION

COMMISSIONING

POSTLUDE

*We thank Jane Pallan for sharing her
musical gifts with us this morning.*

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 21, 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 Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery.

WED. **Children's Music & Movement (ages 5–12) – at 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.**
in the 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. Registration is ongoing.

THURS. **Teen Yoga (ages 13–18) – at 3:15 to 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.

Choir Practice – at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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

Scripture readings: Luke 19:28–40; Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 (VU p. 837, parts 1, 3, 4); Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16 (VU p. 758, parts 2, 3); Philipians 2:5–11; Luke 22:14–23:56 or Luke 23:1–49.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

- **LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH, MON. MARCH 29TH, 11AM**

Erin Blewett, of our congregation, and wee Timothy will be joining us. Erin will share her exciting flying experiences with us. She is a commercial airline pilot. Bring your lunch and mug. We would be happy to arrange a ride if you need one. Please call Muriel at 604-943-3406 or Barbara at 604-948-0304.

- **SENIOR'S MINDFUL MOVEMENT**

Weekly, starting on **Wednesday, March 31st, 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.

- **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE, SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 6:30 A.M.**

In keeping with our tradition, the Easter Sunrise Service will take place on the dyke at the foot of 12th Avenue. The service will begin at **6:30 a.m.** Sunrise is forecast at 6:44 a.m. Following the service, a light breakfast will be served at the church hall. Contact Lynne Meinert at 943-4082 if you can help.

- **EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 10:00 A.M.**

We will celebrate the sacrament of communion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

A joint Maundy Thursday service with Ladner United Church will be held at Ladner United on **Thursday, April 1st, at 7:00 p.m.** The Maundy Thursday service remembers the Last Supper and the disciples' failure and betrayal; the sacrament of Holy Communion; Jesus' washing the feet of his disciples; the arrest, trial, and crucifixion. Come and join us in a solemn and moving evening service to end your Lenten pilgrimage and prepare you for Easter celebrations.

- **GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

At **10:00 a.m.**, beginning at All Saint's Anglican Church — walking in a procession with the cross through downtown Ladner — finishing worship at Ladner United Church. All are welcome.

- **TUC FINANCIAL REPORT — FOR THE PERIOD ENDING FEB. 28, 2010**

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Revenue	\$30,514.18	\$34,017.66	\$(3,503.48)
Total Expenses	31,431.19	35,884.65	(4,453.46)
Net Income/(Deficit)	\$(917.01)	\$(1,866.99)	\$949.98

- **MISSION AND SERVICE FUND UPDATE**

Year 2009 Mission and Service Fund givings totalled **\$28,924,168**. This money is spent in hundreds of different ways. Some of the money supports

congregations, programs, and new church development. Some of the money is spent in Canadian outreach programs, some on international relief and development programs, some to train ministers, some to maintain ecumenical relationships, and some to administer the work of the church.

United Church people are among the most generous donors in Canada. As a whole our people give well over half a billion dollars to charity. The gifts to the Mission and Service Fund are a small but important part of our overall generosity as a people of faith. Thank you for your continued generosity.

- **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.

- **“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.

- **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.

- **RESTORE, REFRESH, CREATE**

Naramata Centre Spring into the Future Capital Campaign Fundraiser is on **Friday, April 9, 2010**, at the Fort Langley Heritage Hall (9167 Glover Road, Langley). Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Program at 8:30 p.m. Join in an evening

of appetizers, fine Okanagan wine and the opportunity to support Naramata Centre. Live music by Barb Myers. Tickets \$50 (includes \$25 donation). For tickets contact Rosemary Best at 604-853-7630, Barbara Gregg at 604-594-1262, or Naramata Centre at 1-877-966-5751, ext. 214.

MINUTES FOR MISSION 2010

We Are Not Alone

If you're following the World Development and Relief 2010 calendar, this story relates to the theme for Lent Week 5: Share More.

Assiniboia is a small town in southern Saskatchewan farm country. Like many small towns in Saskatchewan, it finds its population shrinking as more and more people leave the farms and move to the cities. Despite these factors, St. Paul's United Church in Assiniboia wanted to find a way to promote the Mission and Service Fund to support exciting ministry locally, in Canada, and around the world. They wanted a project for both young and old to share in the good work of The United Church of Canada.

The project they decided on was selling Easter cards made by the Sunday school children. The children drew Easter designs on the fronts of the cards and printed Easter scripture verses inside. The M&S logo on the backs was a reminder that all proceeds would go to the Mission and Service Fund. The children sold their cards to church members, to friends and family, and at various church events. The cards were very popular, and in the end \$320 was donated to the Mission and Service Fund.

Each year a church-wide goal is set for M&S, to support the work of the United Church. The 2010 goal for the Mission and Service Fund is \$30.2 million. For each of us alone this goal seems impossible. But we are not alone.

Together we can support ministries all around the world. Please join the kids at St. Paul's United Church in supporting the Mission and Service Fund—our United Fund for a United Vision.

We are a united church! Today, ask for a blessing on the congregations and United Church partners in Saskatchewan Conference.



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