

Tsawwassen United Church

2nd Sunday in Easter

April 11, 2010, 10:00 AM

Easter is a fifty-day celebration of the 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

INVOCATION: The Spring Has Come VU 187
(The choir and congregation are invited to join Sandra in the singing of this hymn.)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 150 *(read responsively)* VU 874

*OPENING HYMN: Welcome, Happy Morning VU 161

A PRAYER TO BEGIN:

**In the beginning O God
you shaped my soul and set it alive;
you formed my life and gave me breath.
Renew me this day
in the image of your love.
O great God, grant me your light.
O great God, grant me your grace.
O great God, let me encounter your joy in this day
and let me be made pure
in the well of your health. Amen.**

ANTHEM: Worthy is the Lamb ~ Robert Clatterbuck
(sung by Marilyn Merry, Jan McLaurin and Sandra Timuss)

THE LORD'S PRAYER VU 914 (right side)

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

PRAYER FOR RESTORING LIFE:

Invitation to Prayer

Prayer in Music *(choir only)*

Cradle me in your arms, cherish and comfort me.

Oh Jesus, source of healing love, in your presence I am free. †

Prayer in words...

and in silence...

Assurance of grace

Response (*choir and congregation*)

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LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

READINGS: (*Reader: Lynne Meinert*)

Acts 5:27–32

Pew Bible N.T. p. 116

John 20:19–31

Pew Bible N.T. p. 110

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: “After Easter”

*HYMN: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

VU 382

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

*CLOSING HYMN: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

VU 232

THE LAST WORD: Revelation 1:4–8

Pew Bible N.T. p. 227

BENEDICTION

COMMISSIONING

POSTLUDE:

Go Now in Peace, Guided by the Light

~ *Pedro Rubalcava; Peter Kolar*

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 11, 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 Victoria Presbytery.

WED. **Seniors' Mindful Movement – 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.**, every week, 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. Registration is required and is ongoing, by e-mailing or calling the TUC office. Church members — FREE; non-members — by donation. Limit 12 participants for each class.

Children's Movement & Music with Sandra Dawn (ages 5–9, born in /01–/05) – every week, at 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., in the TUC Quiet Centre (please park and enter at back of church). We explore sounds, tones, melodies, rhythms, and body movement (with some yoga postures). The children learn how to express music and rhythm through their whole body and vocal range, as well as learning fun 'camp' songs and drumming songs. Registration is free. Please contact the church office to register.

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: Acts 9:1–6, (7–20); Psalm 30 (VU p. 757); Revelation 5:11–14; John 21:1–19.

Congregational Meeting – after the worship service to appoint members of the Joint Needs Assessment Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER

It's renewal time for *The United Church Observer*. The magazine reports on issues affecting denominational and congregational life, as well as covering a wide range of general-interest issues of concern to people of faith today. If you'd like to renew your 12 month subscription please write a \$20 cheque payable to "The Observer", put it in an envelope addressed to the church office, and place it in the collection plate on Sunday. You can also mail it to the church office, bring it into the office during the week, or drop it in the mailbox outside of the church front door. Please, no cash payments! New subscriptions are welcome. **The deadline is April 18th.** The March issue of "The Observer" is available in the narthex for anyone who wishes to borrow it.



• BOXES

Rose-Hannah is in need of small, strong boxes, suitable for packing books. If you have any please drop them off at the church.

• RUG CLEANER

If anyone has a rug cleaner that Rose-Hannah can borrow please let her know.

• SOUTH FRASER GOGOS

Books, Bags & Buns

The South Fraser Gogos invite you to join them on **Saturday, April 17th**, from **11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at Ladner United Church where they will be offering a selection of good quality used books for your summer reading, and an assortment of unique creations perfect for birthday, Mother's Day, or hostess gifts, including their signature tote bags. This event is a fund-raiser in support of the grandmothers of Africa who are struggling to raise their grandchildren orphaned by AIDS. Net proceeds from the sale of books and gift items will be donated to the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign, www.stephenlewisfoundation.org. For more information please contact Avril at 604-946-8402.

An Evening With Stephen Lewis

The South Fraser Gogos are joining with Greater Vancouver grandmothers to present this fund-raising evening on **Monday, May 3rd**, which will feature humanitarian Stephen Lewis. Reception starts at **6:30 p.m.** The funds raised

will go towards the support of the grandmothers of Africa who are struggling to raise their grandchildren orphaned by AIDS. Tickets are \$75 and are available online at www.centennialtheatre.com or by calling 604-984-4484.

- **SOUTH BURNABY UNITED CHURCH 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

South Burnaby United Church is celebrating it's 100th anniversary of the congregation on April 23 to 25. You are invited to join them on **April 23rd, at 7:00 p.m.**, for an evening with Rev. Dr. Lois Wilson, former moderator of The United Church (\$5), and on **April 24th, from 3:00 p.m. on** for a Meet and Greet Buffet Dinner (for tickets call 604-434-8323) and Musical Celebration, and on **April 25th**, at the **10:30 a.m.** worship service with Lois Wilson followed by a light lunch.

- **EARTH DAY SACRED CELEBRATION**

The Multifaith Action Society presents an Earth Day Sacred Celebration on **Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 7 – 9 p.m.**, Canadian Memorial United Church, 15th & Burrard, Vancouver, BC. **ADMISSION NO CHARGE.** Preregistration 604.731.3101. Featuring Mardi Tindal – Moderator of The United Church of Canada, Rev. Bruce Sanguin – Canadian Memorial United, Imam Al-Khaliq – AZ-ZAHRAA Shia Muslim Association of BC, Rabbi Laura Duhan Kaplan – Or Shalom Synagogue, Acharya Shrinath Dwivedi – Global Hindu Foundation, Aline LaFlamme – Aboriginal Pipe Carrier & Sundancer. Special guests: Peace in the City Band, starring Rachel Landrecht.

- **SUMMER JOB POSTING**

North America Indigenous Ministries in Delta has a summer job available that's open to full-time post-secondary students returning to full-time studies in the fall. Please see the posting on the bulletin board for details.

- **DELTA SENIORS COMMUNITY PLANNING TABLE**

The South Delta ministerial has a representative at this planning table which seeks to advocate for the needs of seniors in our South Delta Community. Currently they are seeking the input of all those 50+ years of age and adult children of seniors so that they may determine what services are required in our community so that seniors may meaningfully "age in place." Please help by filling in a brief questionnaire at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3G55YQY>. Hard copies of the questionnaire are also available and may be picked up on the table in the narthex.

Next Meeting of the Delta Seniors Community Planning Team: Tuesday, April 20, 10 a.m.– noon at Ladner Christian Reformed Church (4594 - 54A Street, Ladner). Speaker John Hopkins from Community Planning and Development Corp. of Delta. He will speak about Delta Housing Task Force's report to Municipal Council. All those interested in attending, seniors and adult children of seniors are encouraged to attend and, possibly, get involved with the planning team.

MINUTES FOR MISSION 2010

Caring for Seniors

Giving up your independence is difficult. Many seniors become unable to live alone in their houses even though they don't require a full-care facility. A residence that allows seniors to be in their own apartments so they can retain some independence, but that provides services and programs, is something to celebrate!

St. Matthew's Bracondale House is that sort of residence. It's geared toward low-income seniors in west Toronto. Many of its 141 tenants are women; half are over 80 and more than half receive a rent subsidy. Your Mission and Service Fund gifts sponsor a beneficial nutrition program for these seniors.

Elderly people, especially those on their own, often don't eat well. As a result their health suffers, and they end up in care facilities. Residents of St. Matthew's Bracondale House can make their own meals, but in order to promote healthy living, the residence offers a hot-meal program at lunchtime and suppertime. Residents can take these tasty, nutritious meals back to their rooms or eat together in the dining room. St. Matthew's Bracondale House also provides social outings, trips to grocery stores, and nutrition counselling to both the residents and the surrounding community.

Your gift to the Mission and Service Fund helps support the Seniors Eating Well program at St. Matthew's Bracondale House. Through M&S we can offer the elderly good meals and the ability to maintain their independence as long as possible.

We are a united church! This week, remember in your prayers United Church chaplains ministering in nursing homes and hospitals, and the partners who work with seniors across the country.



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Stewardship Seconds

Christians are ones who cannot keep silent
and cannot keep their gifts to themselves.



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