

# Tsawwassen United Church

The Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2010, 10:00 AM

*'Pentecost' is the Greek word for the Jewish festival of Shavuot which takes place 50 days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter the apostles were gathered together in Jerusalem. Suddenly, the Holy Spirit rushed through the room like a mighty wind and tongues of fire appeared over the apostle's heads. In the Christian Church colours of red and orange and yellow remind us of the way in which the Spirit of God 'fires up' Jesus' followers.*

*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

CHORAL INVOCATION: Come Holy Spirit (Veni Sancte Spiritus) –  
Jacques Berthier

### WELCOME

\*OPENING HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy

VU 315

### CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning when God created

**God spoke, and all was made ready.**

In the beginning, when God created

**God saw, and said "It is good".**

In the beginning, when God created

**God blessed, and gave every need to all God's creation.**

In the beginning, when God created

**God rested and it was so.**

Let us worship our marvellous, amazing, awesome God,

**Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.**

### PRAYER OF APPROACH:

God, we worship as one family – younger and older, male and female.

We praise you that you have created us in your image,

to be your people in the world. Guide us this day and every day,

that we might truly be your family. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

### THE CHILDREN LEAVE FOR GODLY PLAY

ANTHEM: I Feel the Spirit - traditional spirituals, arranged by Don Besig

### OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S LOVE

HYMN: Ring From Your Steeple, vs 3 & 4

VU 403

- all sing verses 3&4, then hum through once, and repeat vs 3, 4 again

READING: (Marleen Soutar)

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:22-27

Pew Bible N.T. page 112

Pew Bible N.T. page 148

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: Filled with the Spirit's power

\*HYMN: Spirit of Gentleness

VU 375

## 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

**Loving God, you have given us life.**

**May we in response give you our living:**

**hearts and minds, time and talents,**

**for the sharing of your love**

**and the celebration of your grace. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM: All Hail the Power - arranged by Robert W. Thygerson

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

VU 960

THE LAST WORD: ROMANS 8:14-17

\*CLOSING HYMN: Filled with the Spirit's Power

VU 194

BENEDICTION:

May the blessing of God, our Loving Creator;  
and of Jesus the Christ our Companion and Guide;  
and of the Holy Spirit, God's power for newness,  
be with you all this day and forevermore. Amen.

COMMISSIONING

POSTLUDE

# Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS MAY 23, 2010

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

**TODAY**      **Worship Service (with Godly Play)—at 10:00 am**

**Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference-** Today we pray for The Youth and Young Adults Ministry in BC Conference and our Vancouver South and Vancouver Burrard South youth representatives- Eric Hamlyn

**WED.**      **Children's Movement & Music with Sandra Dawn**  
(ages-- 5-9, born in /01-/05)-every week, at 3:30 to 4:14p.m.in the TUC Quiet Centre

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

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

**SCOTT WOODS 'BY REQUEST' CONCERT** On Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.  
See advertisement on back page for more details.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### • LOVE SOUTH DELTA

On **Saturday, June 12, 2010**, you are invited to participate in the inter-denominational Love South Delta event that will take place 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Join with churches from all over South Delta as we show God's love to the people of our communities through practical acts of kindness. Outreach committee will cover the cost of your participation and t-shirt. Meeting place : South Delta Baptist Church (in church foyer). Lunch will be provided for all participants. [www.loveyourcity.com](http://www.loveyourcity.com)

### • New Office Assistant

I would like to take this opportunity to say hello, and introduce myself as your new/temporary Office Manager , Tammi Begon, whom some of you may remember me as Tammi Wood. I may have either taught your children or grandchildren along with my children in Sunday School 7 years ago, with Mary Sambell. Looking back, how time fly's, and our lives change in such a short time. I am excited about my new journey, returning to TUC and following a new path of night school studies. My office hours are Monday to Friday, 9:00am to Noon, for the next 4 months, so feel free to drop in and say "hi".



### • Congregational Meeting May 30<sup>th</sup>

The Joint Needs Assessment Committee has called a Congregational Meeting for May 30<sup>th</sup> held directly after church. The JNAC Report will be presented and voted on. On the acceptance of the report the Search Committee will start to look for our new minister. This should be a brief meeting.



### 85<sup>th</sup> United Church Anniversary - Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> at

**11:00am**TUC will go to Ladner to celebrate and worship as one family! There will be no service at TUC that day. Please note – all TUC offering envelopes and P.A.R. will come back to TUC- there will be sign up sheets to carpool , those who can give rides and those who would like a ride. The notice in the paper, the TUC phone message recording and our website will reflect our joint service.

- **HYMN SING**

St Stephen's United Church in East Delta will hold its annual Hymn Sing on Sunday, May 30th, 2010 at 7:30p.m. This year's theme is "Simple Gifts: Hymns of Grace and Wonder". There will be lots of congregational choice, and we will be welcoming Kenn Hutchinson-Surette as a guest soloist. The church is located at 9696 Ladner Trunk Road ( Hwy 10), just east of Hwy 99. For more information contact The Reverend Doug Graves at 604-948-5470.

**"Final Summary of the work we accomplished together at TUC"**

The Visioning Team was formed in 2007 and began to look at what we needed to focus on immediately. Out of that work came several changes, including:

- a new, streamlined governance structure,
- a feasibility study to start a ministry with children and young families led by Brenda Miller, the establishment of a Long Range Planning Committee to consider our future.

We concluded that:

- \* The new Streamlined Board is working well.
  - \* Our ability to find long-term volunteers for church projects and programmes is very limited.
  - \* The possibility of a designated ministry with children and young families does not seem to be reasonable at this time.
  - \* Our financial health is good for 5 to 7 years given current expenses and income figures.
- No immediate new ideas for a different future have come to light.

In addition to the above, we saw the conclusion of Leona Prowse's long music ministry at TUC and have embarked on a new direction in music and worship with Sandra Dawn Nash.

We have also been fortunate to have a few dedicated and capable Power Point leaders so we can continue to follow Sunday worship on the screen.

New staffing patterns will soon be in place as the search for a new minister and a new permanent Office manager is completed.

I believe that Tsawwassen United is now on a very sound foundation for the next 5 to 10 years and I will watch from afar as the Holy Spirit leads the way!

Rev. Rose~Hannah Gaskin