

Tsawwassen United Church

Sundays in Pentecost

July 25th, 2010 10:00 AM

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

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*OPENING HYMN: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU 651

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Holy God, we come to worship this morning
Brought together by your Spirit.
It is your Spirit who teaches us to pray
And helps us be your faithful ones.

**We ask now for the presence of your Holy Spirit:
Come to us as wind and fire,
As bubbling laughter,
As healing touch,
Or as the still small voice of peace. Amen.**

HYMN: Take Time to Be Holy VU 672

PRAYER OF OPENING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Loving God,
**You told us that to love you, our neighbours, and ourselves was to live
the dance of joy.**

Created by Love, surrounded by Love, and made whole in Loving, we
stumble.

We do not believe in your infinite compassion for us.

Forgive our doubt.

We withhold unmerited forgiveness from each other.

Forgive our desperate control.

We despair we can ever love those who have hurt us.

Forgive our shallow hope.

Free us from the fears that hobble our steps.

**In the name of the eternal Dancer,
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE:

Solo by Sandra: “When I Pray” - *Daniel Nahmod*

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

SCRIPTURE READING:

- Genesis 18:20-32
- Luke 11:1-13

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

- One: This is the witness of God's people.
- All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: Reflections on Prayer

*HYMN: Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ VU 573

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 PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*)

VU 959

*CLOSING HYMN: Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

VU 421

*COMMISSIONING

We are the church!

We follow where the Spirit leads,

Daring to be risk takers wherever we go!

We are filled with the breath of the Holy Spirit!

May the blessing of God, Creator and Giver of Life,

The Son, Life of God incarnate, and the Holy Spirit,

Bearer and power of new life among all people

Be with us now and forever.

Amen.

*BENEDICTION: “I Release” – *Michael Beckwith & Rickie Byers Beckwith*

I release, and I let go - I let the Spirit run my life

And my heart, is open wide – yes I'm only here for God

No more struggle, no more strife – with my faith I see the light

I am free in the Spirit – Yes I'm only here for God

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POSTLUDE

SCRIPTURES FOR JULY 25TH, 2010

Scripture Genesis 18:20-32

18:20 Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin!

18:21 I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

18:22 So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD.

18:23 Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?

18:24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it?

18:25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?"

18:26 And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake."

18:27 Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.

18:28 Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."

18:29 Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it."

18:30 Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there."

18:31 He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it."

18:32 Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Scripture Luke 11:1-13

11:1 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

11:2 He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

11:3 Give us each day our daily bread.

11:4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

11:5 And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;

11:6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.'

11:7 And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'

11:8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

11:9 "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

11:10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

11:11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish?

11:12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?

11:13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"