

# Tsawwassen United Church

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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

## GATHERING

GREETING, WELCOME, AND THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 29)

Leader: Ascribe to God, you powers of the heaven, ascribe to God all glory and strength!

**People: Ascribe due honour to God's holy name, and worship in the beauty of holiness.**

Leader: God sits enthroned above the waters, God is enthroned as sovereign forever.

**People: You give strength to your people, O God. Now give to your people the blessing of peace.**

\*OPENING HYMN: “When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized” VU 100

MORNING PRAYER:

**Beckoning God – who called the rich to travel toward poverty, the wise to embrace your folly, the powerful to know their own frailty; who gave to strangers a sense of homecoming in an alien land and to stargazers true light and vision as they bowed to worship you – we lay ourselves open to your signs for us.**

**Stir us with holy discontent over a world which gives its gifts to those who have plenty already, whose talents are obvious, whose power is recognized, and help us both to share our resources with those who have little and to receive with humility the gifts they bring to us.**

**Rise within us, like a star, and make us restless till we journey forth to seek our rest in you. Amen.**

*(A prayer by Kate Compston, Hamshire 1990, from “Bread of tomorrow: Praying with the world’s Poor.” Edited by Janet Morley, Christian Aid 1992)*

WOMEN’S TRIO: “Morning Prayer” by Winnagene Hatch

CHILDREN’S TIME Sacred Time (Kairos)

HYMN: “I Am the Light of The World” VU 87

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 19: 1 – 7; Mark 1: 4 - 11

This is the witness of God’s People. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: Baptism of Jesus

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

RECEIVING AND PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Music: “Bathe Me in Your Light ”

MV 82

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Blessed are you gracious God: you have given us life and freedom to be your people in the world.**

**Blessed are you, gracious God: you have called us into the church and baptized us into the community of faith, pilgrims together on the journey into new creation.**

**Blessed are you, gracious God: you have touched our hearts with hope, so that we long to see the day of your salvation.**

**Accept, now, these gifts we bring. Enable us to use them for the coming of your new community of justice and shalom. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS PRAYER

\*DEPARTING HYMN: “This is God’s Wondrous World” VU 296

\*COMMISSIONING:

Go into the world: dance, laugh, sing and create.

**We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.**

Go into the world: risk, explore, discover and love.

**We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.**

Go into the world: believe, hope, struggle and remember.

**We go with the assurance of your love, O God.**

**Thanks be to God!**

\*SUNG BLESSING: “Go Now in Peace” (x3) VU 964

**Go now in peace, go now in peace.**

**May the Love of God surround you ...**

**May the grace of Christ sustain you ...**

**May the Holy Spirit Guide you ...**

**... everywhere, everywhere you may go.**