

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

INVOCATION: "All Who Are Thirsty" MV 4

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 62)

Leader: In God is my deliverance and my honour, the rock of my strength and my place of refuge.

People: Put your trust in God always, you people; pour out your hearts before the One who is our refuge.

Leader: For we mortals are only a puff of wind; the great among us are but illusion;

People: placed in the balance, we weigh less than a breath.

Leader: Put no trust in extortion, set no vain hopes on plunder;

People: ...if riches increase, do not set your heart upon them.

Leader: Once God has spoken, and twice have I heard it said: 'Power belongs to you, O God. Steadfast love is yours.'

*OPENING HYMN: "Jesus Calls Us" VU 562

MORNING PRAYER:

God of Glory, Lord of Love, You sent Your Son into the world to proclaim Your kingdom and to teach with authority, and to open the way of peace and wholeness to all people. Anoint us in this time of worship with the power of Your Holy Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, that we may be empowered to bind up the broken hearted and to fearlessly proclaim liberty to the captive. Bless us with your word, shine upon us with your wisdom, and bring us into deeper communion with you and one another through Christ Jesus, our Lord and our Saviour. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME Are You Listening?

HYMN: "Jesus Bids Us Shine" VU 585

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

MUSICAL PRAYER OF PREPARATION "Be Still And Know" MV 77

SCRIPTURE READING: **Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Mark 1:14-20**

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

SERMON: Disciples and Callings

RESPONDING IN FAITH

RECEIVING AND PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Music: "Seek Ye First" VU 356

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We offer these gifts, O God, as a sign of our pledge, to serve you, not only in this place, but in all places. Accept and use them, and use us, as instruments of your peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS PRAYER

*DEPARTING HYMN: "Jesus, You Have Come To The Lakeshore" VU 563

*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.