

# Tsawwassen United Church

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, May 14, 2017; Mother's Day

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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

## PREPARING OUR BEING TO WORSHIP CHRIST

PRELUDE: "Ivory Palaces" Henry Barraclough

EASTER PROCLAMATION: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN  
**HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Do not let your hearts be troubled.

**All: We are not troubled. We believe in God.**

One: God's house has many dwelling places.

**All: Christ himself has gone to prepare a place for us.**

One: We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**All: Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.**

One: Let us worship God, made know to us in Christ Jesus.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Your Hand, O God Has Guided" VU 274

## MORNING PRAYER

**Steadfast and loving God, you are our refuge in times of trouble and our shelter when we are afraid.**

**In you alone we trust. In you we see the way forward;  
in you we see what is true and authentic; in you we find abundant life and new life.**

**And so we worship and love you, God who creates and gives life, the son who preached the truth of the good news, and the Holy Spirit who guides us; this day and always. Amen**

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

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS & MINDS FOR CHRIST'S LIVING WORD

HONORING YOUNG FRIENDS INVOLVEMENT: Celebrating Mother's

HYMN: "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" VU 570

## RECEIVING AND PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Because He Lives" Arranged by Jack Schrader

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**God of creation, because of your loving kindness we have gifts to give, because of your grace we have the reason to give, and because of your life we have the example to give. We pray that our gifts may extend your reign of grace into your world, this day and every day, here and everywhere. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: 1 Peter 2: 2 – 10 John 14: 1 - 14  
This is the witness of God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL HYMN: "I Feel the Winds of God" VU 625

REFLECTION: Our Identity in Christ Jesus

## PREPARING OURSELVES FOR CHRIST'S SERVICE

## PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

\*CLOSING HYMN: "O Lord, My God" VU 238

## \*SENDING FORTH:

**God of Easter, send us out to live the power of Resurrection, that we, and all creation might be one with the living Christ; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, one holy God, be honor and praise, now and forever. Amen**

POSTLUDE: "One More Step" Arranged by Ron Smail

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Lectionary Reading for Sunday, May 21, 2017

Acts 17: 22 – 31; Psalm 66: 8 – 20; 1 Peter 3: 13 – 22; John 14: 15 - 21

**Thank-you for worshipping with us this morning.**  
Please join us for a time of refreshments and conversation  
in the hall after the service.

***“Nourishing an Inspiring Home  
for  
Spiritual Growth  
in  
Christ’s Love.”***

*Through: Worship, Music, Care, Fellowship, Prayer, Study, Service & Outreach*

***PRAYER IS POWERFUL!***

***Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:*** Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

***Vancouver South Presbytery Prayer Cycle:***

Tsawwassen – the Reverend Dan Kirkegaard

***South Delta Ministerial Association Prayer Cycle:***

Benediction Lutheran Church

***Life of Tsawwassen United Church:*** Blessings on this Easter Season, wisdom for family decisions being made and grace for the trials that we encounter.

***Do you have a prayer request for  
a family member, yourself or neighbor?***

Placed in the pews and on the table in the narthex are “Prayer Request” cards. Please feel free to fill them out and place them in the collection plate or in the prayer basket in the narthex.

You have the option to have your concerns prayed for privately through our Prayer Chain and/or to be prayed for openly on Sunday mornings.

***Prayer is not asking.  
Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God,  
at God’s disposition and listening to  
God’s voice in the depth of our hearts.***

*- Mother Teresa*