

**June 15, 2025
Trinity Sunday
Indigenous Day of Prayer**

The people of Gower Street United Church are committed to doing right by Jesus' teachings: loving, serving, giving generously in our local, regional, and global communities. We envision a vibrant and evolving community where tradition is honoured, change is embraced, and injustice is challenged.

We are dedicated to being welcoming and affirming, engaging participation of all, including people of any age, colour, race, ethnicity, faith, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, marital status, family composition, and social or economic circumstances.



We respectfully acknowledge the land on which we live, work and worship as the ancestral homelands of the Beothuk, whose culture has been lost forever and can never be recovered.

We also acknowledge the island of Kaimuki (Newfoundland) as the unceded, traditional territory of the Beothuk and the Mi'kmaq.

And we acknowledge Labrador as the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Innu of Nitassinan, the Inuit of Nunatsiavut, and the Inuit of NunatuKavut. We recognize all First Peoples who were here before us, those who live with us now, and the seven generations to come.

As First Peoples have done since time immemorial, we strive to be responsible stewards of the land and respect the cultures, ceremonies, and traditions of all who call it home.

As we open our hearts and minds to the past, we commit ourselves to working in a spirit of truth and reconciliation to make a better future for all.

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Rise in body and spirit as you prefer.
The projected text in white is a communal response.

THE SPIRIT GATHERS US IN

The Life and Work of Gower

Voluntary: Canon in D Pachelbel

We sing: VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy Nicea

Words of Welcome & Land Acknowledgement:

No matter who you are, where you come from, how you come to be here, what you believe or what you are questioning, you are welcome in fullness.

Lighting of The Christ Candle:

As we light this candle today, we remember and honour the sacred fires around which First Nations peoples have gathered to receive stories of the Creator from Elders, especially the Beothuk, Mi'kmaq, Innu and Inuit.

We gather around this light to receive the faith stories of ancestors.

The Christ candle is lit.

May we find the light of Christ here in our worship and in our hearts.

Gathering Words:

Let us gather in the presence of God, our Creator.

Let us gather in the love of Jesus, our Redeemer.

Let us gather in the embrace of the Holy Spirit.

Let us gather as God's people, created in promise, forgiven in love, and made new by the Spirit's breath.

Let us gather and worship God.

Gathering Prayer:

Holy One, Child of Life, Great Spirit, we meet you in the company of ancestors and the oft-unnoticed presence of people praying throughout the country, connected by a longing for peace and healing. Find our hearts open and ready for reconciliation as we face the injustices of the past and long for the joy of a future of peace and healing. Amen.

Celebrating our Graduates

We sing: VU 266 Amazing Grace New Britain

Prayer of Confession

LISTENING TO THE STORY

A reading from Scripture: Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31
Wisdom rejoices in creation. Reader: David Robbins

Responsive Psalm: VU p. 732 Psalm 8 Guimont
How glorious is God's name in all the earth.
Reader: David Robbins

A reading from Epistles: Romans 5: 1-5
God's love poured into our hearts. Reader: David Robbins

A reading from the Gospel: John 16: 12-15
The spirit will guide you into truth.

Musical Reflection: Lardo (*from Xerxes*) Handel

Sermon: God the Father and Dads Rev. Laurie MacCuish

We sing: VU 580 Faith of Our Fathers St. Catherine

COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND SHARING GOD'S LOVE THROUGH OUR MINISTRY

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Mission & Service Stories: A Time to Grieve, a Space to Heal

Gathering our Gifts



We sing: VU 541 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
Old 100th

Offering Prayer:

On this Trinity Sunday, we come before you, Holy God, to offer our praise and adoration, along with our gifts. You are holy and blessed. One God, Eternal Trinity. We, the people formed in your image, offer these gifts to the work and world your love brings to life. Amen.

Prayers for the World and the Prayer of Jesus

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

We sing: VU 658 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go St. Margaret

We go out into the world:

We gathered in this place to learn about God's dream that created the world, **a dream that gave us breath, a dream that gave us life, a dream that gave us love, a dream that called us to dance with Wisdom.** We have shared prayer and song, committing ourselves anew to following God's Son, Jesus. **Holding God's dream, given to us in love, we go forth with open minds, hearts, and souls to bring God's dream to the world. Amen.**

We Sing: VU 378 Spirit of God (v. 1) Morecambe

Postlude: Postlude in F Thiman

Worship today was inspired by Gathering, Pentecost 1, Year C.

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