



August 11, 2024
12th Sunday after Pentecost

Gower Street United Church is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, ability, cultural background, or sexual orientation.



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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Bold indicates unison.
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

We sing: VU 271 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
Gott Will's Machen

Words of Welcome:

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.

Light of Faith: On a sunny summer morning or on a dreary winter day, when our faith is shining brightly or when it is barely there...

we pause to recognize the light of the Candle of Faith, for we know Jesus is always with us.

Gathering Prayer: Creator God, beauty is all around us,
in your creation, in your handiwork, in the people that you have created and gifted.
As we pause now to consider you and what you are asking of us, open our minds to notice that beauty,
especially in the places and people that seem to portray anything but beauty.
May we use our time and God-given gifts to create beauty, in our words, in our actions and in our very being.
Amen.

We sing: VU 661 Come to My Heart
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LISTENING TO THE STORY

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 130 (VU pp.553, refrain 2)
Out of the depths I cry to God.
Linda Nickerson

A reading from the Gospel: John 6:35,41-51
I am the bread of life.

We sing: VU 626 I Heard the Voice of Jesus
Kingsfold

Meditation

Musical Reflection

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

The offering plates are located near the sanctuary doors. You are invited to place your offerings there when you arrive or leave. You can also scan the QR code on our bulletin to donate via our website.

Gathering our Gifts

We sing: MV 191 What Can I Give

Offering Prayer: We present these gifts and the gifts of our own living, sharing and action, so that your will on earth may be fulfilled. Amen.

Prayers for the World and the Prayer of Jesus

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

We sing: VU 560 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Maryton

We go out into the world: Go now with the guidance and the grace of God. Let your life portray God's word in human form.

We will show by touch and word devotion to God, to the earth, and to all the life that comes to birth.
And may the**Amen.**

We sing: VU 419 May the Grace of Christ vs.1

Postlude

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