

August 4, 2024 11th Sunday after Pentecost Worship with The Go Project Participants and Leaders

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.

This bulletin is dedicated in loving Memory of my Dad and Mom, Lewis and Myrtle Osmond, and my Brother Carl Osmond, by Pat (Osmond) Humber.

THE SPIRIT GATHERS US IN

The Life and Work of Gower

Voluntary

We sing: VU 684 Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

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 Written By: Vex

Gathering Words: Written By: Charlotte

Thank you all for joining us today for worship on this beautiful day. We come together by the word of God, and I am so blessed to trust that we share and thrive in it together.

Gathering Prayer: Written By Charlotte

Let us pray, oh God, we come today full of love and joy.

To share in the message of your love.

Let us help those who may be down on their luck.

And open our minds to new ideas and changes.

We ask for your guidance in this mission. Amen.

Reflection 1

We sing: VU 577 I've Got Peace like a River

Reflection 2

LISTENING TO THE STORY

A reading from Scripture: 1 John 3: 17-20 Aaron Rose

A reading from Scripture: Romans 12: 9-18

Reflection 3

We sing: VU 600 When I Needed a Neighbour

Reflection 4

Musical Reflection

Reflection 5

Anthem: Love is Something If You Give It Away

Reflection 6

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: Written By: Aren

Gracious God, offerings are easy for some, hard for others and can come at a cost, both beautiful and daunting. Bless these gifts given despite challenges, bless these gifts given with ease, bless the gift devised by action. Bless those gifts and actions showing hope. Let us all offer with love and pray that God Strengthens and amplifies it. **Amen.**

Reflection 7

Prayers for the World and the Prayer of Jesus

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

We sing: MV 209 Go Make a Difference

We go out into the world: Written By: Dorcus

God, we pray that you will fill us with your love so that we may go out into the world to share your love, kindness and compassion with everyone so that they may grow in you. **Amen.**

We Sing: MV 211 Go Now in Peace

Postlude

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