



February 11, 2024
Transfiguration Sunday
A Celebration of Faith: Hymns for Choir and Congregation

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: Shall We Gather at the River

Elliott

We sing: We All Gather Here

Gower United

**In the beauty of this place,
We all gather here.
The olive branch and dove,
The rainbow we share,
Are symbols of God's love,
In worship, song and prayer.
In the beauty of this place,
We are united here.**

**In the beauty of this place,
We all unite here.
Open minds, loving hearts
God's family, drawn near.
Lives shared, made strong by love,
We celebrate and care.
In the beauty of this place,
We are all held here.**

**In the beauty of this place,
We are all held here.
Gathered now, as one
In fellowship, where
We take the bread and cup
In worship we all share.
In the beauty of this place,
We all belong here.**

**In the beauty of this place,
We all belong here.
We love and understand
Live freely, no fear.
Differences we celebrate,
God's diversity we share.
In the beauty of this place,
We all gather here.**

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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Jesus, your call to us, your disciples, is to go into the world to learn and grow with community and Spirit. **May this candle today remind us that you go with us, in spirit and song to love others and walk the road of justice and peace. Amen.**

Circle Song

Circle Time

We sing: Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll & Walker

Reflection:

Each week, we gather together in this sacred place, our church sanctuary.

We find rest, we learn, and we encourage one another.

It is with the people of our faith community that we share our worship in this place.

It is with love in our hearts that we pray and sing.

Within this sacred place, together as one,

we sing, we pray, we listen, we learn, and we celebrate God's love together in faithfulness.

Come, let us all worship God! Alleluia! **Amen.**

Choir: Lead, Kindly, Light

Lux Benigna

Reflection:

We were made to praise. Created in God's image, formed by God's hand, each of us is a unique work of art that reflects God's glory. God's love of the world is reflected in each of us, and so we lift our voices in God's praise. Alleluia! **Amen.**

We sing: VU 333 Love Divine, All Love's Excelling Hyfrodol

Reflection

Let us give thanks to our Creator, for God is gracious and compassionate. The Holy One has put the divine spirit in us, blessed us with mercy and called each one of us. We are members of the flock, and together sing praise to our God, our loving shepherd. Alleluia! **Amen.**

Choir: The Lord's My Shepherd

Brother James Air

Soloists: Marion Davis and Tony Chadwick

Reflection

Creation sings the Creator's song;
The Creator calls the sun to wake the dawn
and run the course of day
Till evening falls in crimson rays.
Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing. Hallelujah!
Fill the earth with songs of worship,
Tell the wonders of creation's King. **Amen.**

(from Getty's "Creation Sings the Creator's Song")

We sing: VU 331 The Church's One Foundation Aurelia

LISTENING TO THE STORY

A reading from Scripture: Philippians 4:4-8 Sara Roberts

We sing: VU 625 I Feel the Winds of God Today Kingsfold

Reflection Poem "High Flight" by John Gillespie Magee Jr
Read by: Bert Riggs

Solo: How Great Thou Art sung by: Justin Goulding

Reflection

Be assured, my friends, that God knows you and calls you by your name. You are loved. God rejoices over you. You are never alone. When you pass through trials and tribulations, God is with you, an anchor for your soul. Alleluia! **Amen.**

Choir: It Is Well with My Soul Ville Du Harve

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: VU 540 Grant Us, God, the Grace Stuttgart

Offering Prayer:

Holy God, we bring our gifts to you, ordinary gifts that you use to build our church in this time in our world. You use ordinary and challenging circumstances in life to reach out to us. Help us to notice you and the ways you are calling us to serve in your name. May these offerings be magnified and multiplied to bring love, justice, and compassion here and in our world. Amen!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Response: Alleluia!

We say: Prayer of Jesus

Reflection:

We thank you, O God, for your many gifts to us. We thank you for the beauty and pleasures of our lives. We thank you for the beauty of the earth, which surrounds our daily lives. We thank you for the gift of music, a gift that empowers us, connect us, and soothes our spirits, celebrating together in a language that knows no bounds.

Alleluia! Amen.

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

Choir: Amazing Grace New Britain
Highland Bagpipes: Dr. Ean Parsons
Drums: Scott Fitzgerald
Representing Newfoundland Highlanders Pipe Band

We go out into the world:

As you go out into the world, celebrate your gifts.

Our God given talent is precious and should be celebrated.

Listen to the quiet voice within us all, as it is the Spirit of Life, singing God's praise.

We will let it sing within us, bringing us closer to God.

As you go out into the world, tune your life to God's melody.

We will sing the glory of God's love in our lives. Alleluia!

We sing: VU 651 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM Rhondda

Postlude

Worship today was inspired by Gathering, Advent, Christmas and Epiphany 2023-2024, Year B.

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To the Glory of God

Donations to the *Memorial Fund* for our *A Celebration
Of Faith: Hymns For Choir and Congregation*
in loving memory of

Daphne's Brother, **David Ralph**,
who passed away on December 26, 2023
from Curtis & Daphne Blackwood

my sister and brother-in-law, **Gola & Jim Roberts**,
and departed family and friends
from Daphne Newhook

Family Members
from JoAnna Bennett

parents and grandparents
from Lloyd & Roberta Gill

Rudy Latie, Dereck Power,
and other members of the Latie family
from Cheryl Hanlon

Helen Milley
from Bert Riggs

Loved ones
from Wilf & Christine Roberts

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from Elsie & family

Family Members
from Angeline Anstey

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from Dana, Gerard, Hayley and Noah Collins

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from daughter, Pamela and David Snow

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from David and Gwen Alcock

**Parents, Lillian & Clunie Moore,
and Adonzel & George Roberts**
from Gail & David Roberts

**Parents, Lillian & Clunie Moore,
and Gertrude & Wilfred Peters**
from Marilyn & Doug Peters

deceased choir members
from Gower Senior Choir

Donations to the *Memorial Fund for our A Celebration
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in celebration of

**the upcoming marriage, in September 2024
between Shawna Hudson and Geoff Wright**
from Marie-Beth and Carl Wright

**Marie-Beth Wright's return appearance to the
Wessex Society of Newfoundland on Feb 14th.** Out
of Bounds, personal and historical anecdotes regarding
young, inexperienced teachers who taught throughout
the former colony, later province. The Wessex Society
has ties to England's West Country ; plus it being
Valentine's Day , Marie-Beth will touch on the
Commission years and highlight the "romance" factor
for these young teachers who accepted employment
beyond the familiar and known! Marriages often
followed job offers and adopted communities.