



June 9, 2024
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Worship with Gower Service and Social Club

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.

Today's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of Carl and Wendy Stevenson, who passed away on the exact same day (June 11th) though separated by three years (Carl 2019, Wendy 2016) from Jonathan Stevenson

THE SPIRIT GATHERS US IN

Today, worship leadership is provided by members of the Gower Service and Social Club, president is President Bert Riggs.

The Life and Work of Gower

Voluntary

We sing: VU 232 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You Hymn to Joy

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:

We gather to light this candle. It is a symbol of the light of Jesus in our lives. It shines in and on each one of us, no matter where we are. In doing so, we honour and celebrate God's love for us. We pray that God's blessings will be with us always.

Gathering Words:

How wonderful it is when we are able to gather in this holy space with our siblings in Jesus, learning together of the love that has no end. Let us be part of this celebration! **Let us worship God as one body and one voice.**

Gathering Prayer:

God of grace and mercy, be present with us today as a church family. We come before you in thanksgiving and praise, seeking your guidance as we face each new challenge in our lives. In this constantly changing world, help us discern your vision for our lives. Give us peace and calmness of heart; give us hope in you. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

We sing: VU 606 In Christ There is no East or West McKee

Circle Song

Circle Time Karen Butt

LISTENING TO THE STORY

Prayer for Illumination:

Derek Green

Creator God, through the Holy Spirit, open our hearts and our minds so that we may discern your holy word. Amen.

Responsive Psalm: VU p. 757 Psalm 30

Warren
Derek Green

A reading from the Gospel: John 4:1-13 Derek Green

Solo: "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" (VU 374) Tony Chadwick

Meditation, Part 1: "Go Fly A Kite" Lloyd Gill

Choir Sings: VU 449 Crashing Waters at Creation (v. 4)
Stuttgart

Meditation, Part 2: "Go Fly A Kite" Lloyd Gill

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

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.

Minute for the 99th Anniversary

Gathering our Gifts

We sing: MV 191 What Can I Do?

Offering Prayer:

O God, from the riches of time, talent and money that are gifted to us, we freely give to those in need. We pray that through these gifts your unconditional love might grow in this place and throughout the world. Amen.

Prayers for the World and the Prayer of Jesus Bert Riggs

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

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

We go out into the world:

Loving God, as we consider the Samaritan woman at the well, who came to Jesus, heard his message, and chose to drink of the living water he offered, we give thanks that no one is excluded from this water of abundant life.

Thank you. The living water you offer is freely given, comes without cost, and becomes a living spring within. This water wells up into eternal life. May we drink deeply from the fountain of life. This we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

We sing: VU 567 Will You Come and Follow Me (v.5)
Kelvingrove

Postlude

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