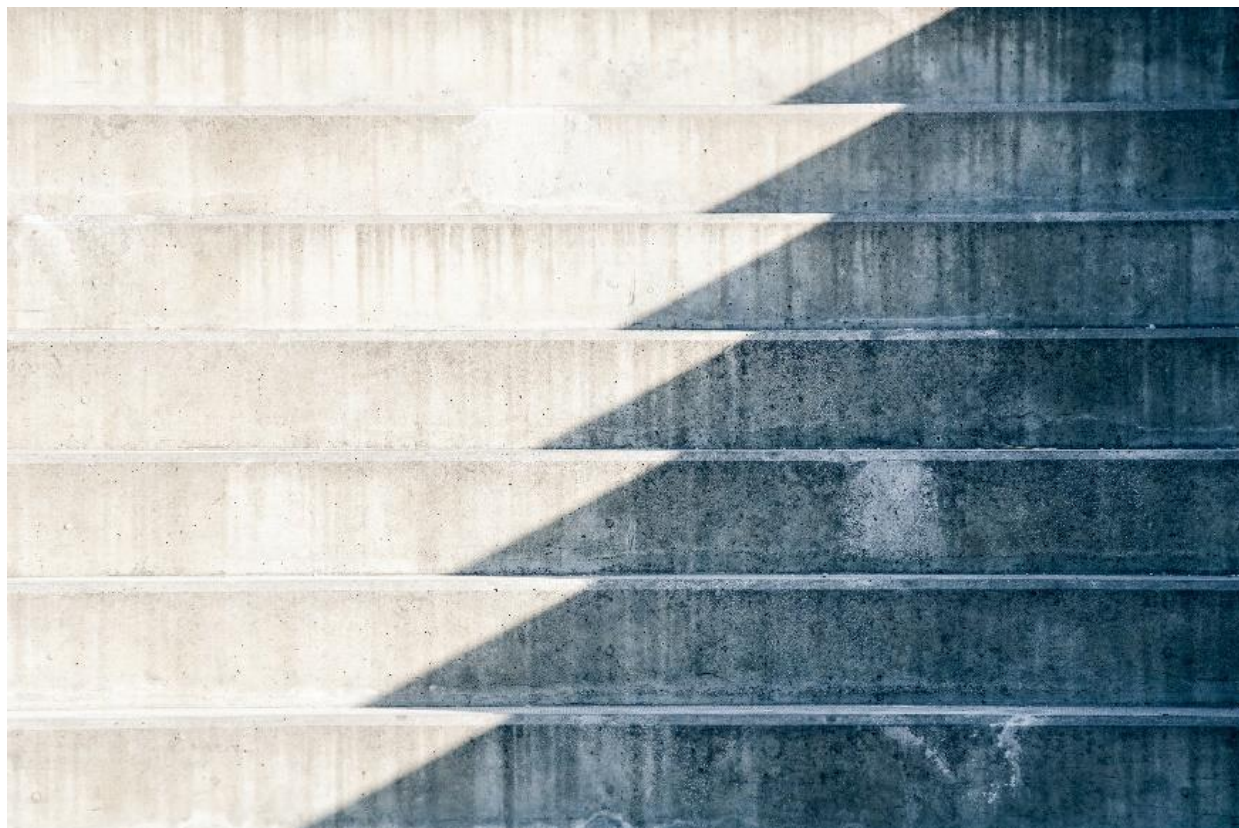




October 20, 2024
Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
International Day for The Eradication of Poverty, October 17
Pulpit Exchange with St. James United Church

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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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 The Brookings and Smith Families from Cheryl Conway.**

We welcome The Rev. James Ravenscroft as our worship leader today.

THE SPIRIT GATHERS US IN

The Life and Work of Gower

Voluntary: Vater unser im Himmelreich BWV 636 JS Bach

We sing: VU 296 This is God's Wondrous World Terra Beata

Words of Welcome: Bert Riggs, Worship & Sacraments
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.

Affirming the Light of Faith

Gathering Words:
Give thanks to God, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.
This is the day God has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Gathering Prayer:
God be with us.
Guide us and bless us as we gather today.
God be with us.
As we seek to discern your calling in our lives.
God be with us.

As we embody your justice and compassion, striving for freedom from poverty and other injustices in life. God be with us and may we be with you, in faith, in action, and in love. Amen.

All ages are invited to come forward as we sing.

Circle Time: We Praise You for the Sun (v.1)
We praise you for the Sun the golden shining sun,
That gives us healing, strength, and joy; we praise you for the sun.

LISTENING TO THE STORY

We sing: MV 135 Called By Earth and Sky Pat Mayberry

Prayer for Illumination: (Unison) Lorne LeDrew
Living God, in whose goodness we find our graciousness and in whose presence we find our calling, grant us openness to hear your Word, that we may be faith-full followers, putting our faith into action, in Jesus' name. Amen.

A Reading from Scripture: Deut. 8: 11 – 18 Lorne LeDrew

Responsive Psalm: VU 790 Psalm 72

Jonann Crüger
Grace Dunsmore

A Reading from Gospel: Mark 10:17-27

Lorne LeDrew

Musical Reflection

Meditation

We sing: MV 154 Deep In Our Hearts

Freed

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 for Gower and Mission and Service

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

Offering Prayer

Prayers for the World and the Prayer of Jesus

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

We sing: VU 307 Touch the Earth Gently

Tenderness

Commissioning and Benediction

We sing: MV 209 Go Make a Difference (Refrain Only)

Postlude: Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable

Please join us for 'Lunch and Learn' in the Lecture Hall following worship today.

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