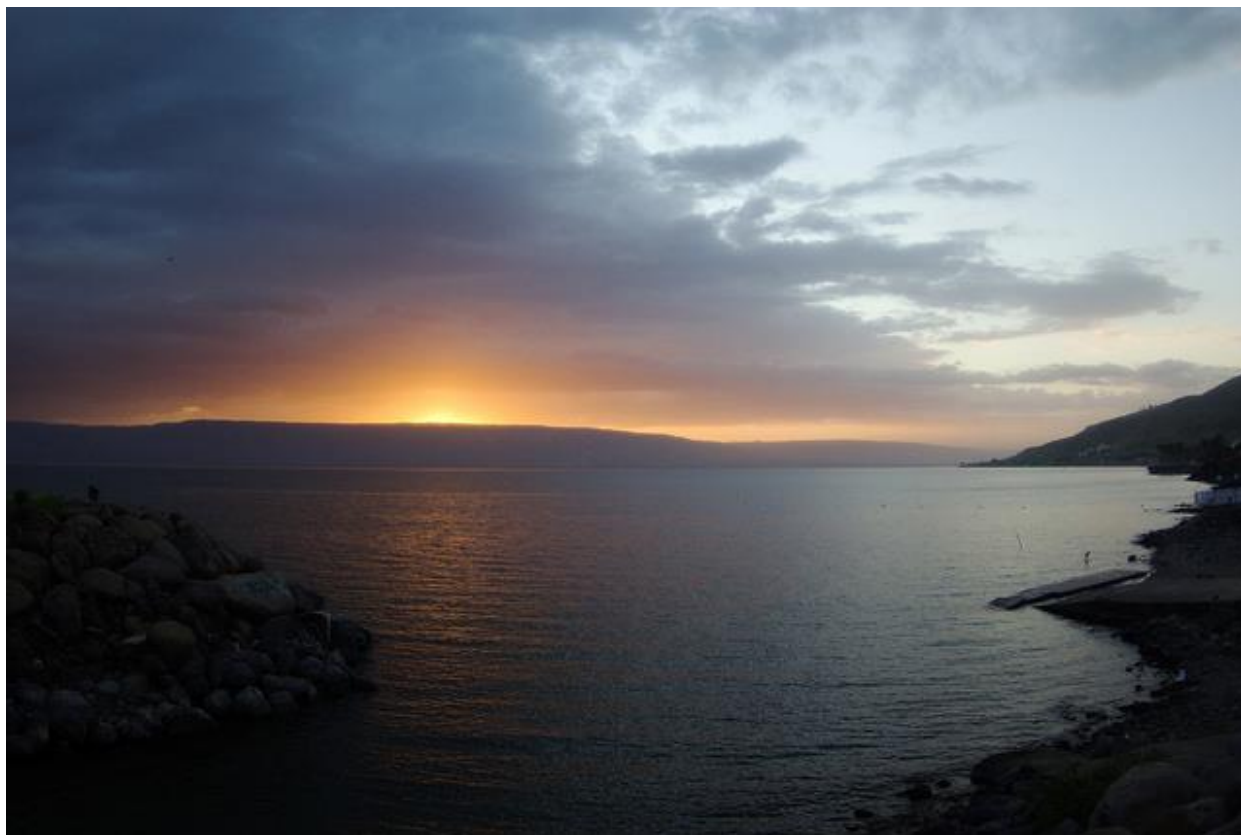


Gower Street United Church is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, ability, cultural background, or sexual orientation.



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.

THE SPIRIT GATHERS US IN

The Life and Work of Gower

Voluntary: Fantasia in g minor

Pachelbel

We sing: VU 391 God, Reveal Your Presence

Arnsberg

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 may come here with hope, with joy, with pain, or with the heaviness of life.

We come together to be renewed and to comfort each other.

We come to find hope and to receive courage and strength for our daily journey.

Like moths to a flame, let us gather around this candle, a light for the world in the life of Christ.

Amen. (*Light Christ candle.*)

Gathering Words:

Who is welcome in the house of God?

All are welcome here.

Who is welcome in the family of faith?

Everyone is made for love, and we are adopted into the family of faith.

Gathering Prayer:

God, who breaks through the borders that divide, moving out and into the world, mending and uniting the things that keep us apart, helping us to mend and cast our nets.

May we love you with all our soul, with all our being, with all our life, in all-consuming love.

May we love our neighbour with all our heart, with all our feeling, with all our thought.

May we be fishers of all people.

May all our blessings serve to bless others.

May we love and be loved as you love us.

May we be good fishers, called to cast our nets deep, even in stormy waters. Amen.

Exploring Epiphany:

The Circle Song

All ages are invited to come forward as we sing

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

Maryton

LISTENING TO THE STORY

Prayer of Illumination:

David Robbins

We know the stories of long-ago days when you saved your people.

We know the stories of long-ago days when your people knew your presence.

Yet, we forget, O God, that these stories show us how you always act.

We forget that these stories show us that we can rely on you.

We forget that you seek to make these stories new for us each day.

Open us once again to your presence in the stories of scripture.

May they be our constant companions as our journey continues with you. **Amen.**

Responsive Psalm: VU p.860 Psalm 138
Do not forsake the work of your hands, O God.

Bradbury
David Robbins

A reading from the Gospel: Luke 5:1-11
Jesus calls Simon and James and John.

Anthem: These are They that follow the Lamb

Goss

Meditation

We sing: VU 563 Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Pescador de Hombres

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

You can offer your financial gifts to Gower Street United Church in many ways. As you enter/leave the sanctuary, there are offering plates where you may lay your offerings. You can also continue to drop off offerings in the secure mailbox outside the church office or you can donate via E-Transfer, using the email address gsuc@nl.roges.com. You can also scan the QR code on your mobile device to be brought directly to our website page.



Gathering our Gifts

We sing: VU 540 Grant Us, God, the Grace

Stuttgart

Offering Prayer:

We do offer our whole lives to you, O God. **Like Simon Peter and Andrew, like Philip and Nathanael, we want to go to Jesus and discover what you are doing through him. Accept these our gifts today that they might support the discipleship and discovery of this congregation. We pray in the name of the one we follow, Jesus. Amen.**

Prayers for our World and Prayer of Jesus

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

We sing: VU 562 Jesus Calls Us

Galilee

We go out into the world:

The service is over.

Are you ready to leave this gathering of our community of faith?

We leave, remembering that we are fishers of the gospel of Jesus.

We leave, remembering our call to dive into deep waters.

We leave, conscious of the work and witness of the leaders in this faith community.

We leave, committed to our discipleship of Jesus.

We leave, knowing we will deepen our spirituality.

We leave, striving to be daring in our acts of justice.

Yes, you are ready to leave this community of faith.

Go in peace.

We go to fish the deep seas! Amen!

We sing: VU 966 Amen

Dresden

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in F Major BWV 556 J.S. Bach

Worship today was inspired by Gathering, Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, 2024/2025, Year C.

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