

January 19, 2025 Second Sunday After Epiphany

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 the Church

Voluntary in A

William Selby

We sing: VU 367 Come Down, O Love Divine Down Ampney

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:

Long ago, before there was a world, before there was anything, before there was day or night, there was God, our Creator and Source of Life and Goodness. Then God said, "Let there be light."

We light this candle to remind us of that gift of light and love.

Gathering Words:

We are gathered in this place. We are scattered in different homes, in different communities across the country.

We come together now in Jesus' name. We claim his promise that he will be with us.

Across the distance, our spirits reach out to God and to one another.

We come together now, as a community of praise and worship. In the Spirit, we are one.

Gathering Prayer:

Holy and Wondrous God, we adore you as our true and living God.

There is no one like you.

We praise your name, for you are with us always.

There is no one like you.

You sent your son Jesus to show us the way.

There is no one like you.

Your Holy Spirit teaches us your truth.

There is no one like you. Amen.

Exploring Epiphany: The Circle Song

All ages are invited to come forward as we sing

We sing: VU 602 Blest Be the Tie that Binds Dennis

LISTENING TO THE STORY

Prayer of Illumination:

Holy God, we have gathered in this place today, wanting to experience something greater than ourselves. We praise your greatness and mercy without hesitation or question. May we be granted the wisdom you offer as we receive the words of your scripture today. **Amen.**

Responsive Psalm: VU p.762 Psalm 36:5-10

God's steadfast love extends to the heavens.

Daley

Elise Doyle

A reading from the Gospel: John 2:1-11

The wedding in Cana.

Anthem: Come, Come unto Me

Ken Dosso

Meditation

We sing: VU 559 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Nettleton

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

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Gathering our Gifts:

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

Offering Prayer:

You turn water into wine, Jesus. You make miracles everywhere we turn. Take these gifts of ours and turn them into wine for your world, a blessing and a promise, bringing your love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers for our World and Prayer of Jesus

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

We sing: VU 716 My Life Flows On How Can I Keep from Singing

We go out into the world:

In God's wisdom, may we move out from this place of worship. **Through Jesus' teachings kept in our hearts, may we examine the world from a new perspective.**

And may the love of the Holy Spirit flow in and around us.

May it flow through all our interactions this week. Amen.

We sing: VU 966 Amen (Dresden)

Postlude: Fantasia on the Sixth Tone Giovanni Gabrieli

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

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Deb, Andrew and Sue, Beep and Sean.