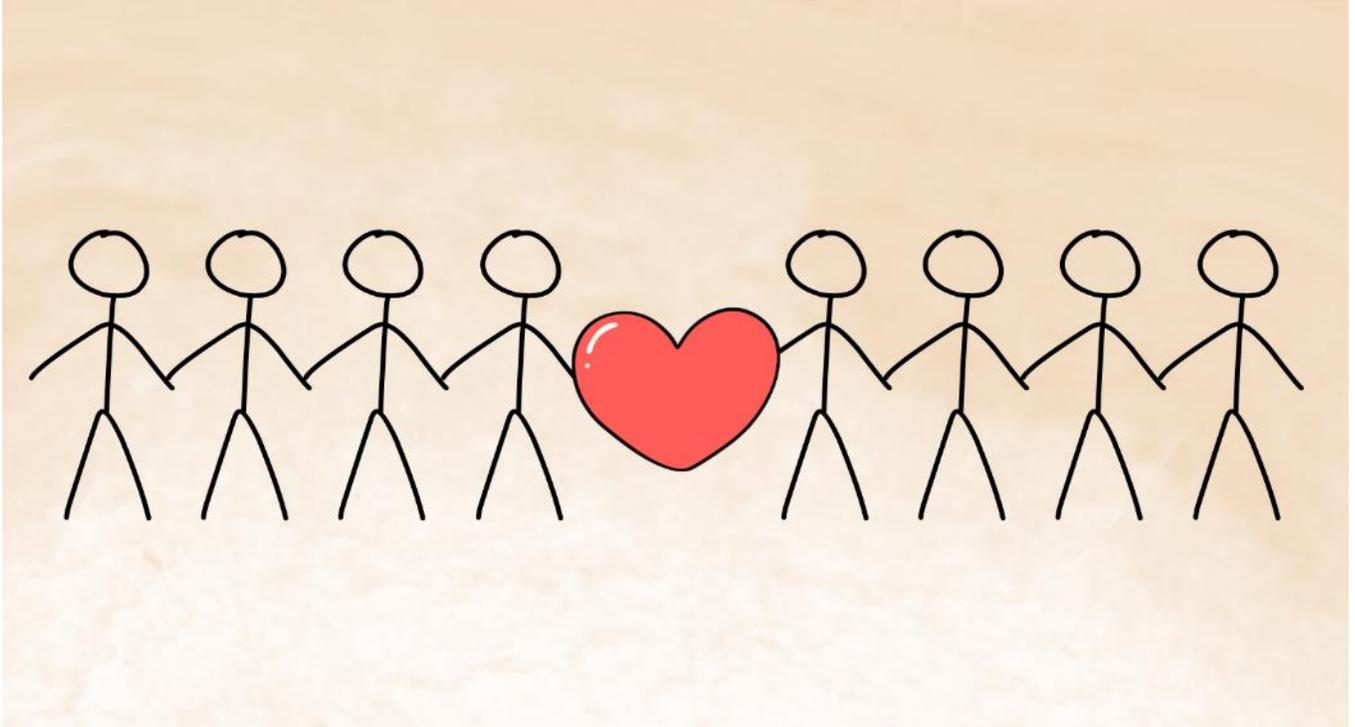


July 13, 2025 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The people of Gower Street United Church are committed to doing right by Jesus' teachings: loving, serving, giving generously in our local, regional, and global communities. We envision a vibrant and evolving community where tradition is honoured, change is embraced, and injustice is challenged.

We are dedicated to being welcoming and affirming, engaging participation of all, including people of any age, colour, race, ethnicity, faith, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, marital status, family composition, and social or economic circumstances.



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. This province of Newfoundland and Labrador is home to diverse populations of Indigenous and other peoples who have contributed to 9,000 years of history. We acknowledge with respect the deep histories and cultures of the Mi'kmaq, Innu, and Inuit. 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 seekers of justice, 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

We sing: VU 472 O Jesus, Joy of Living Hearts Maryton

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.

Gathering Words:

Come to praise God.

We come to praise our Creator.

Come with gratitude.

In peaceful generosity, we come to worship.

What a joy it is to be united in praise.

Let us worship God!

Gathering Prayer:

God of raindrops and stormy clouds, we gather under the umbrella of your Spirit, willing and ready to soak in the love and wisdom you have provided.

Be with us in this time of worship as we immerse ourselves in the words of scripture and the messages, songs, and prayers.

We welcome the showers of the unconditional love you share with all. **Amen.**

We sing: VU 376 Spirit of the Living God Living God

LISTENING TO THE STORY

A reading from Scripture: Amos 7:7-17 Diane Ryan
God holds a plumb line in the midst of God's people.

A reading from the Gospel: Luke 10:25-37
The parable of the good Samaritan.

We sing: VU 595 We Are Pilgrims Servant Song

Meditation

Musical Reflection

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 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.rogers.com. You can also scan the QR code on your mobile device to be brought directly to our website page.

Gathering our Gifts:

Welcoming God, you invite us to share.

We give with tender hearts, aware of the need around us.

We share these offerings so that your good news might be experienced.

Fill us with generous spirits. Amen.

We sing: MV 191 What Can I Do?

Offering Prayer:

Loving God, in our bid to serve you, we worship with our word and deeds.

And now, we offer our gifts of time, prayers and material goods. May they be used to ease the lives of others, wherever they go.

Let your love shine in all we do, so it catches on and trickles beyond the spaces where we live and worship.

In the light of your gracious love, we offer our gifts.

Bless the givers and those receiving. **Amen.**

Prayers for the World and the Prayer of Jesus

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

We sing: VU 567 Will You Come and Follow Me

Kevingrove

We go out into the world:

May our shared life be a blessing to you.

And to all.

May the Spirit of peace bear you up,

May the Spirit of love fill you with courage.

May all people you meet find the Christ in you,

and may you find the Christ in them. Amen.

We sing: MV 154 Deep in Our Hearts, vs.1

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Postlude

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Minister: The Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald

Youth & Family Minister: The Rev. Rebecca Pike-Winter

Minister Emeritus: The Very Rev. Dr. Marion Pardy

Organist & Music Ministry: R. Carl Goulding

Custodian: David Noseworthy

Board Chair: Patrick Griffin

Celebration of Life for Helen Wilson: The family of Helen Wilson extend an invitation to her celebration of life on July 20 from 2:00 p.m. till 4:00 or 5:00 p.m. at the O'Brien Farm Facility, on Oxen Pond Road.

Helen and her husband, Fred, were members of the congregation and sang in the choir for many years. Helen passed away on September 4, 2024.

Change in Office Hours: The Gower office hours will be Tuesday and Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



PRIDE WORSHIP

We invite everyone to join us for our worship for St. John's
Pride Festival we will gather on July 20 at 10:00 a.m. at
Gower Street United Church

Worship will be followed by a light snacks before heading to
the Pride Parade.

