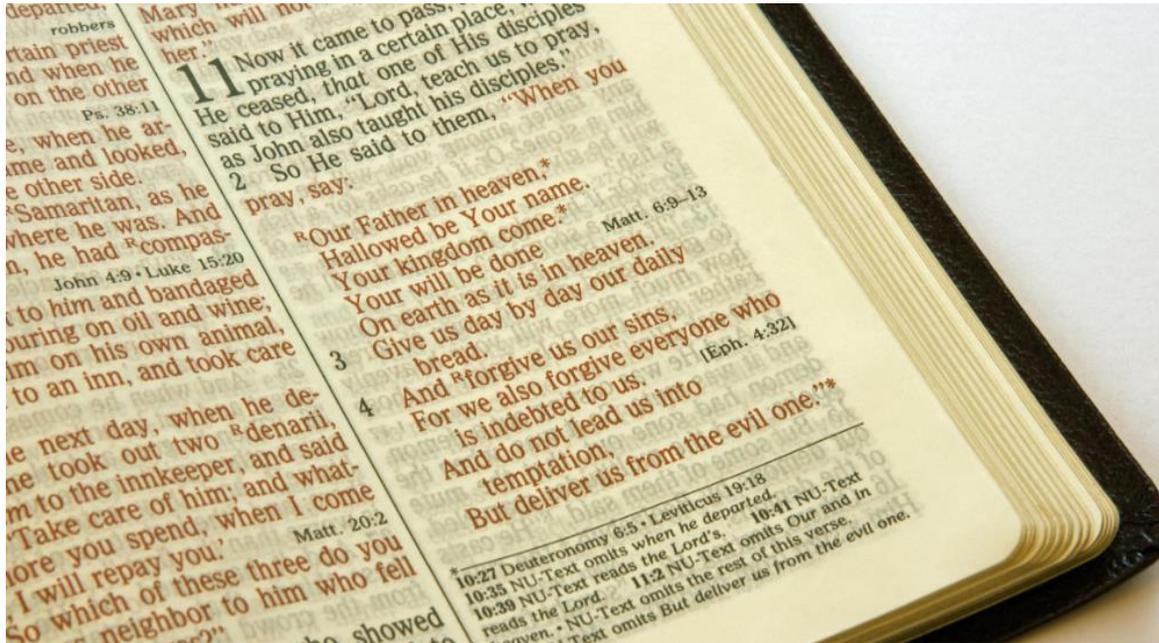


July 27, 2025 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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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Today's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
mom and dad: Edith and Ed Moody
from Doug, Judy and family

THE SPIRIT GATHERS US IN

The Life and Work of Gower

Voluntary

We sing: VU 506 Take My Life and Let It Be Mozart

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 light a candle to shine a light that also lives within us, a light that calls us to share the love of God in every corner of the world.

We give thanks for the meaning and purpose Jesus offers to our living, calling us to bring healing, hope, justice, and reconciliation to others.

Gathering Words:

As we gather for worship, we seek God's direction for our lives.

May God lead and guide us.

As we lift our voices in song and praise, we seek Jesus' truth for our lives.

May Jesus encourage us and inspire us.

As we seek to serve through our mission and ministry, we need the Spirit's wise presence in our lives.

May the Spirit empower us and transform us.

Gathering Prayer:

Gracious God, you come among us in abundant joy, unsettling truth, deep consolation, and powerful transformation. Yours are winds of change, hastening us toward a kin-dom of inclusion and justice not yet known in this world. Move and mold us. Through your many witnesses, show us your way, so that we may be a community that embodies your love, here and now. Amen.

We sing: VU 377 Holy Spirit, Hear Us Ernstein

LISTENING TO THE STORY

A reading from Scripture: Colossians 2: 6-15
Buried in baptism, raised in faith.

A reading from the Gospel: Luke 11:1-13
Jesus teaches the disciples to pray.

We sing: VU 341 Fairest Lord Jesus Crusaders' Hymn

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.



Mission & Service Stories: Words That Carry the Spirit

Gathering our Gifts

We sing: MV 191 What Can I Do?

Offering Prayer:

Loving God, we offer these gifts with open hands and open hearts, trusting that your love will transform them into acts of compassion, justice, and mercy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers for the World and the Prayer of Jesus

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

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

We go out into the world:

Go out from here to journey humbly with our God; through the grace of the Holy Spirit, let us fulfill the requirements of our God as we seek justice and love kindness. **Amen.**

We sing: MV 154 Deep in Our Hearts (v.1) Freed

Postlude

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