

May 4, 2025
3rd Sunday of Easter

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. 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.

99 Queen's Road – A1C 6M6 Tel: 753-7286 – Fax: 383-0145
E-Mail: office@gowerunited.com Website: <https://gowerunited.com>



Bold indicates unison.
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
deceased members of the Gower Men's Club and the Gower Service and Social Club.
"Some of our finest work comes through service to others."
Gordon Hinckley

THE SPIRIT GATHERS US IN

**Worship Leadership by the Gower Service and Social Club,
under the organization of Bert Riggs, president.**

The Life and Work of Gower

Voluntary

We sing: VU 266 Amazing Grace

New Britain

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 this candle so it can shed its light on each of us. Let us reflect in and on that light as we participate in this service this morning, remembering that Jesus is the Light of the World.

Gathering Words:

Jesus is risen!

What a joyful event that was for all of us!

Let us follow his teachings, especially that we love and serve others.

It is important and good that we share God's love with others.

We thank God for his all-encompassing love for us!

Let us rejoice and be glad!

Gathering Prayer:

Loving God, teach us to love one another as we love you. Teach us to be good followers of the teachings of Jesus, so that we may make a difference in this world. Teach us to accept your abundant grace and your bountiful blessings that you offer us so freely and lovingly. Teach us to be worthy of all you give to us. Amen.

We sing: Circle Song

Exploring Easter

We sing: VU 337 Blessed Assurance

Assurance

LISTENING TO THE STORY

Prayer of Illumination:

Creator God, as your son Jesus revealed himself to the women at the tomb on Easter morning and to the disciples in the days that followed, make yourself known to us this morning.

Instill in us the ability not just to hear your Word, but to understand its meaning so that we are able to be stewards of your Word. Amen.

Responsive Psalm: VU p. 757 Psalm 30
God turned my mourning into dancing.

JoAnna Bennett

A reading from the Gospel: John 21: 1-19
Jesus appears to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias.

Charlotte Jewczyk

Music Meditation

Meditation

Anthony Chadwick

We sing: MV 161 I Have Called You by Your Name

Kelly

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.rogers.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 541 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

Offering Prayer:

Generous and loving God, we are so grateful for all the many blessings that you bestow on us. Accept the gifts we offer you today; bless them and use them to promote your work here on Earth. May they bring joy to the sad, hope to the needy and love to all people everywhere. Amen.

Prayers for the World and the Prayer of Jesus

Lloyd Gill

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

We sing: VU 586 We Shall Go Out in Hope of Resurrection

Londonerry Air

We go out into the world:

Go now with joy in your hearts!

God will go with us!

Rest assured in the comfort of God's love!

God loves us!

Know that Jesus is risen!

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

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

Postlude

Worship today was inspired by Gathering, Lent/Easter 2025, Year C.

All music and lyrics, not in the public domain, are reproduced/broadcast under ONE LICENSE. License #: #A-700000 or CCLI Copyright License: 3157095 & Streaming License: 21279189. No portion of services may be recorded or distributed without explicit permission from Gower Street United Church.

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

Pianist: Justin Goulding

Custodian: David Noseworthy

Board Chair: Patrick Griffin