

November 9th, 2025 22nd Sunday After Pentecost Remembrance Sunday

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: Nimrod (*from* Enigma Variations) Elgar

We sing: VU 806 O God, Our Help in Ages Past St. Anne

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.

Light of Faith:

Today we light this Christ candle realizing that many do not live in peace. **As this flame catches on and burns more brightly, we pray that peace may grow and transform our world. Amen.**

Gathering Words:

In times of war, in times of peace—

The Creator is present.

On the battlefield, at the peace table—

Jesus is present.

With the wounded and the dying, and with those who wait—

The Spirit is present.

And what is God doing?

Grieving over the injustice. Grieving over the brokenness. Grieving over the loss.

And?

And calling us back to repentance, to renewal, to abundant life, to peace.

So today, in our remembrance, in our songs, in our prayers:

let us worship the One who is with All, no matter what.

Let us worship God as we remember.

Gathering Prayer:

In a world lost in unrest,

we pray for your peace, O God.

In a world lost in mistrust,

we pray for your peace, O God.

In a world in which wars and violence continue,

we pray for your peace, O God.

In a climate of fear and frustration,

we pray for your peace, O God.

When we want to draw inward,

may your peace, O God, help us to keep our spirits open to opportunities to share your compassion and care.

In this world, O God,

may we be a beacon of peace. Amen.

Last Post

Trumpet: Elliott Morrison

Moment of Silence

Reveille/Rouse

Gower Remembers

Act of Remembrance

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we shall remember them.

We will remember them.

(An excerpt from "For the Fallen" by Laurence Binyon)

Laying of the Wreath

Young people are invited to Gower Learners.

We sing: VU 659 Eternal Father, Strong to Save Melita

Prayer of Confession:

My friends, we live in a broken world, aching from the wounds in our lives, communities, country, and the whole inhabited earth.

Let us pray:

O God, we meet the abundance of your creation with exploitation and deprivation.

We meet the peace that passes all understanding with war and violence.

O God, we meet the love that knows no borders with exclusion and hate.

We meet your boundless grace with judgment and revenge.

Holy One, in the presence of your peace, in the confidence of your love, we confess our failings and wrongs, turning from that which harms ourselves, our neighbors, and you.

Meet us in our brokenness, loving God,

and journey with us on the path to healing and hope. Amen.

LISTENING TO THE STORY

A reading from the Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 2:4

Responsive Psalm: VU p.818 Psalm 98 (Refrain 1) Goodrich

A reading from the Gospel: Matthew 5:3-10

Anthem: Pie Jesu (from Requiem) Webber

Meditation

We sing: VU 372 Though I May Speak O Waly Waly

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:

We sing: VU 541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Old 100th

Offering Prayer:

We have come together in your name, Gracious God. We long for wars and anger to cease.

Bring us to the place of silence, where we can notice your still small voice and learn to be a peaceful people, modelling authentic peace in the world.

In the example of Jesus Christ, who shows us the way,

we offer these gifts that may support the work of all who seek to be peace and blessing in this congregation, this community, and beyond. Amen.

Prayers for the World

What more is there to offer as we bow our heads,
pleading to you for peace, Gracious God!

**We confess that we yearn for
peace from the memories that keep us awake at night,
peace from the things that haunt us as we worry
about our precious loved ones,
peace from the anxieties that plague us as we
are concerned about climate change, economic
depression, and injustices in our political system,
peace from the worries about health issues,
peace in the midst of financial struggles,
peace in the midst of family tensions,
peace for armed forces personnel and their
families and for all who live with trauma as a
result of service to country,
peace in the midst of grief for families who have
lost loved ones in service to country,
peace for the people in Israel and Palestine,
Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Syria, Egypt,
and all the countries that have not made the news,
peace for all your beloved people all around this
wonderful world.**

(Silent prayers)

In thankfulness and hope, we seek lasting justice,
mercy, and deep and abiding shalom, from you,
Peace-Giving God.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer of Jesus

Our Parent in Heaven, whose love knows no bounds,
**Your name is holy, held in the highest regard.
May Your realm of love, acceptance, and justice come,
May Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,
Guiding us to honour each other's dignity and worth.
Give us today our daily bread, the sustenance we need,
And forgive us our prejudices as we forgive those who are prejudiced against us,
Lead us away from judgment and deliver us from the hands of hatred.
For Yours is the realm of unconditional love, the power to change hearts,
And the glory of diversity in unity, now and forever.
May all of us, created beautifully and wonderfully in Your image,
Live and love in the spirit of Your Son, who taught us to pray,
Embracing each other, as You embrace us all. Amen.**

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

We sing: VU 682 O Day of Peace Jerusalem

We go out into the world:

Receive the breath of reconciling peace given to the church.

Peace within, peace in our midst.

Peace given for the well-being of the world.

We receive the peace of Jesus and carry it out into the world. Amen.

O Canada

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
Il sait porter la croix!
Ton histoire est une épopée
Des plus brillants exploits.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God Save The King

God save our gracious King
Long live our noble King,
God save The King:
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save The King.

Ode to Newfoundland

When sunrays crown thy pine-clad hills
And Summer spreads her hand
When silvern voices tune thy rills
We love thee smiling land
We love thee, we love thee,
We love thee smiling land.

As loved our fathers, so we love
Where once they stood we stand
Their prayer we raise to heav'n above
God guard thee Newfoundland
God guard thee, God guard thee
God guard thee Newfoundland

Postlude: Crown Imperial

Walton

Composed in 1937 for the coronation of King George VI. The musical themes (honouring courage, sacrifice, service and the pursuit of peace) make it fitting for the Remembrance Day Service.

Worship today was inspired by Gathering, Pentecost 2, 2025, Year C.

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Seniors' Christmas Gala

Tuesday, 25th of November

Tickets are \$25.00

Ticket Sales Start on November 9, 2025
Purchase tickets via Gower Office
99 Queens Rd. 709-753-7286.
Office Hours Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Fridays 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Payment (cash, cheque or e-transfer)
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Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings
Entertainment by the Walsh Family
Accepting Food Bank Donations (or a Loonie)
Draws for Door Prizes

Doors Open at 4:30 PM - Dinner starting 5 PM



Openly Karl A Lunch and Learn with Karl Wells

Sunday, November 16, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

Worship followed by Lunch and Learn
session with Karl Wells



Lunch and learn with Karl Wells: Join us on November 16, 2025, for Openly Karl, a Lunch and Learn following worship. This is a time for our community to gather with local writer, broadcaster, actor, and long-time Gower member, Karl Wells and learn about his new memoir and life. We gratefully acknowledge the generous support from The Centennial Granting Fund at The United Church of Canada Foundation, which helped bring this event to life.