

September 14, 2025  
 14th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Creation Two

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 409 Morning Has Broken      Bunessan

#### **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:** Meghan McKibbon and Molly Gamsby

This is the light of faith, a promise of Love. **This light shines for us, and for all of creation. For this we give thanks. Hallelujah!**

#### **Gathering Words:**

The heart of creation calls out to Holy God, to Holy Wisdom, to Holy Creator.

**We open our senses to what is around us and experience all that has been created. It is a wonder to behold.**

The hearts of all creatures call out to Holy God, to Holy Wisdom, to Holy Creator. They give praise and thanks that all their needs are met.

**It is the Spirit of God that gives them life.**

**It is the Spirit of God that gives us life.**

All plants and trees reach out their branches and leaves to Holy God, to Holy Wisdom, to Holy Creator. They worship with bud and flower, with fruit and seed, as the Spirit has ordained for them.

**We come with all the blessings God has given us to worship with heart and voice and spirit. We come acknowledging that we are surrounded with abundance and beauty. Our hearts call out to God, yearning that such abundance and beauty may be shared equally with all. We come to worship Holy God, Holy Wisdom, Holy Creator.**

#### **Gathering Prayer:**

**Creator God, we thank you for creating this glorious world and for providing a safe place for us to come and worship. Help us to be silent this morning so that we may receive your word and know that you are God, the Creator of all that is. Amen.**

**Story:** *When God Made the World* By: Matthew Paul Tuner

#### **Exploring Creation**

**We Sing:** VU 307 Touch the Earth Lightly      Tenderness

## **LISTENING TO THE STORY**

**Prayer of Illumination:** Lorne LeDrew

**Mysterious God, tickle the places deep inside us when we receive the words of scripture. Stir our understanding with deep delight. Empower us to receive your good news with openness and wonder, as we ponder the secret of timeless realities. May your message become our hope. In the name of the One who is Infinite Love. Amen.**

**A reading from Scripture:** Genesis 1: 9-13      Lorne LeDrew  
God gathers the waters, forms dry land and blesses them.

**Responsive Psalm:** VU p. 826 Psalm 104 (Part One, Refrain Two)  
God provides water, food, and homes for all creatures.

**We sing:** VU 266 Amazing Grace New Britain

## 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](mailto: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:** MV 191 What Can I Do?



## Offering Prayer:

**Ever-merciful God, your love never ceases to astound us. All around us are small and large signs of your greatness. From such small things as a tiny seed grow amazing plants! From our meagre offerings grows a flourishing church community. How astounding! Bless all things great and small, so that we might live faithfully and serve you graciously. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

## Prayers for the World and the Prayer of Jesus

### **WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**We sing:** VU 606 In Christ There Is No East or West St. Peter

## **We go out into the world:**

Rejoice in the one true God.

**We will praise God, creator and originator of our planet, our galaxy. We will worship God, who has given life to humankind. We will respond to God, at work among people everywhere, caring for Creation. We will acknowledge God in the days of rejoicing and the days of hard testing. We will serve God with compassion and patience. We will honour God with courage and hard questions.**

Rejoice in the one true God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

**We sing:** MV 154 Deep in Our Hearts, Vs 1 Freed

## Postlude

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

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