

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.



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Bold indicates unison.
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 173 Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabaeus

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:

We come today as we are.

God welcomes all into the realm of love and acceptance.

We come with questions, doubts, and fears.

Jesus, resurrected, meets us where we are and offers us peace and the assurance of his continued presence in our lives.

Let us worship God, together sharing in the spirit of love and peace, gifted to us through Jesus, the resurrected Christ.

Gathering Prayer:

Loving God, may all that we do during this time of worship, nurtured as we are by your presence, Spirit, and grace, become a door opening onto a growing, nurturing, active discipleship as we follow Jesus Christ. Amen.

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries

Covenanting of the Gower Street United Church Board

We sing: VU 579 The Church Is Wherever God's People (v. 2)

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

Kelly

LISTENING TO THE STORY

Prayer for Illumination:

Holy Love, **open our hearts, our minds, and our lives to the living Spirit, that we may receive the words of hope, joy, and peace we need this morning. Amen.**

Responsive Psalm 16: VU pp.737-738

In you, God, I take refuge.

A reading from the Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appears to the disciples and to Thomas.

Response: VU 958 Halle, Halle, Halle

Caribbean

Meditation

Music Reflection: Canon in D

Pachelbel

We sing: VU 166 Joy Comes with the Dawn

Dawn

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:

From time to time, we receive gifts whose value we immediately know. **Other times, we receive or give gifts the value of which can only be known within personal relationships. Equally, gifts may be acts of grace we can only receive and never repay. We bundle these thoughts together as we present our offering.**

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

Old 100th

Offering Prayer:

Loving God, may what we offer here this morning be a prayer:
**that we may be blessed as a living testimony to your good news,
that our offerings may be blessed as good news to use in the world,
and that your word may live within us in spirit and in truth. Amen.**

Prayers for the World and the Prayer of Jesus

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

We sing: VU 352 I Danced in the Morning

Simple Gifts

We go out into the world:

Jesus is risen!
Jesus is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!
Let joy spread across your life, and go with you into all the world.
We will go to live out our calling with peace and hope.
For Christ is risen!
Jesus is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

We sing: VU 173 Thine Is the Glory, vs. 1.

Judas Maccabeaus

Postlude: Chorale Prelude on "Vulpius"

Willan

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