

April 26, 2026 4th 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.



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Rise in body and spirit as you prefer.
The projected text in white is a communal response.**

Today's bulletin is dedicated to the **Day** by **David** and **Gwen Alcock**.

THE SPIRIT GATHERS US IN

The Life and Work of Gower

Gathering Music

We sing: MV122 This is the Day that God has Made

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:

This is the day our God has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

No matter if it is sunny or rainy,

windy or calm.

It is a gift to celebrate.

This is the day our God has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Gathering Prayer:

Creator God, in this time of worship,
help us once again to experience your voice.

Renew our spirits and our lives.

Ready us to follow your lead.

Sometimes, especially when we are confused, saddened, or upset,
as the first disciples were after you had left them,
we find it hard to notice a new way to choose a different path.

Remind us that you are always with us,

even in the darkest of times,

and there is always a way through,

if we keep our minds open

and our hearts connected to yours. Amen.

We sing: VU 356 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

The Moderator's Message: A Moment for Guaranteed Livable Income

Exploring the Season of Easter

We sing: VU 747 The Lord's My Shepherd

LISTENING TO THE STORY

Prayer of Illumination: Revealing God, may the delight of the shared word stir us to new understandings. When it seems confusing, grant clarity. When it is complex, clarify the layers and contradictions. Help us to experience the awe and wonder of your holy message. Help us to live the questions and be patient in waiting and hoping for answers. We ask in the name of the Beloved Christ, the Word. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Acts 2: 42- 47

Together in Life, in faith, in Joy

Solo

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

Jesus comes to bring Abundant Life

Meditation

We Sing: MV 79 Spirit Open My Heart

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

The needs are great, and the resources seem to be few.

Yet, God's grace can and does multiply our effort so that the gift meets the need.

We sing: MV 191 What Can I Do?

Offering Prayer:

Through the highest peaks and darkest valleys of life, you accompany us, O God. We offer our gifts today so that hope and help may also be extended to others, both near or far. May they be strengthened and comforted through the caring actions of your church, and encouraged to know that they are not alone. Amen.

VOLUNTEER WEEK: Appreciation for those who Serve

Prayers for the World and the Prayer of Jesus

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

We sing: MV161 I have Called You by Your Name vs.1

Kelly

We go out into the world:

Let us go forth into the as beloved followers of Christ:

May we be alert and ready to respond, committed to love, always listening for the Spirit.

And may the abundant Grace of God, the extravagant love of Christ, and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen!**

Postlude

Worship today was inspired by Gathering, Lent/Easter 2026, Year A.

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