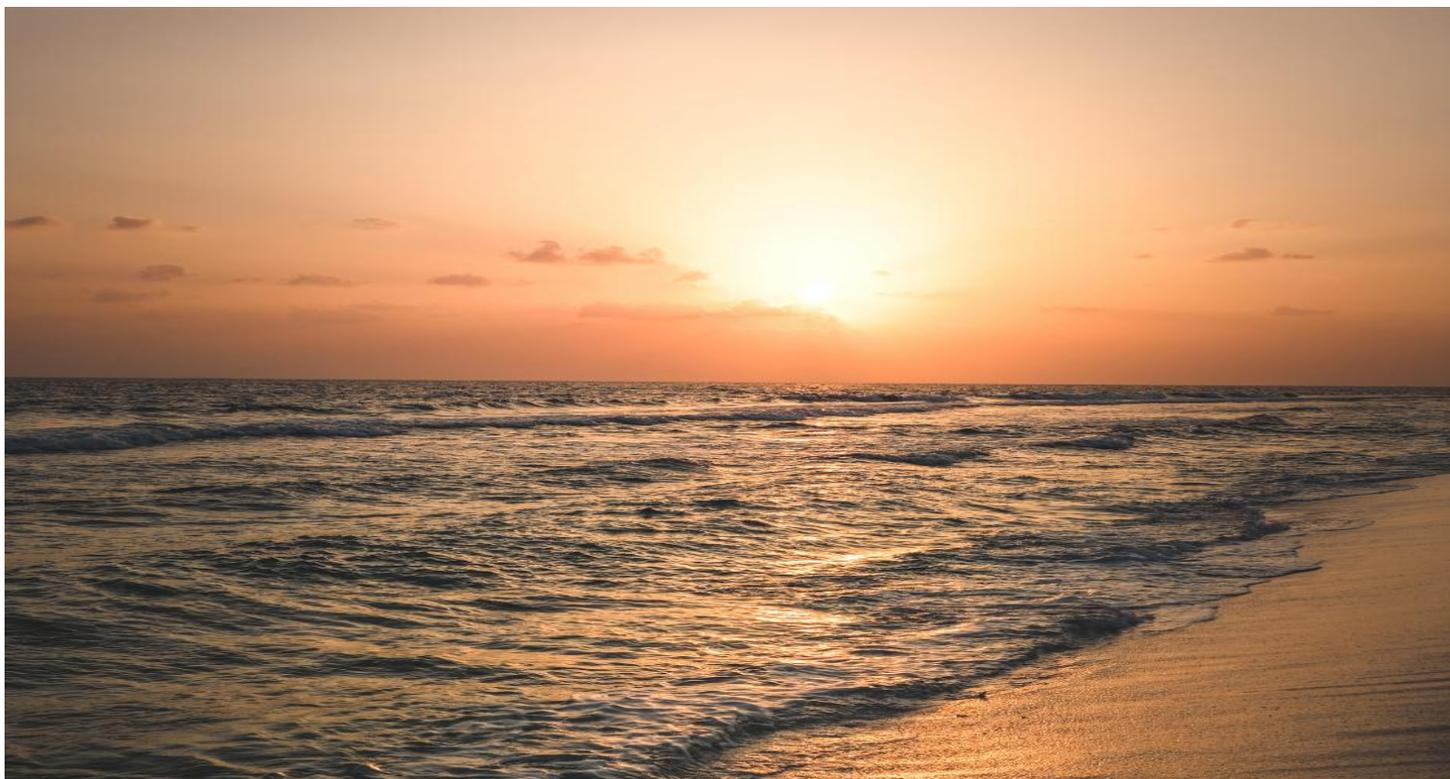


February 1, 2026 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Gower Street United Church is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, ability, cultural background, or sexual orientation.

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.
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Today's bulletin is dedicated to

THE SPIRIT GATHERS US IN

The Life and Work of Gower

Voluntary A Tune for Ann

Vaughan Williams

We sing: VU 101 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Salzburg

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 the Christ candle on this Sunday in Epiphany, recognizing how far Jesus' light shines: outwards to help those around him, inwards to heal those he seeks. The healing light of Jesus dwells also in each one of us.

Jesus within us—we too are the light of Christ. Amen.

Gathering Words:

Why are we called to this place?

To be God's people.

What is required of us?

To seek justice,

To love kindness,

To live humbly with God.

And how shall we do this?

With our prayers, with our thoughts,

with our actions, and with our love.

Then, as people who are both blessed and a blessing:

Let us worship God!

Gathering Prayer:

Spirit of Truth and Wisdom,

You are our comforter, always, guiding us, teaching us, showing us the way. We flourish under your care and direction and love. Praising your name, forever, we pray. Amen.

Exploring Epiphany: *The Circle Song*

All ages are invited to come forward as we sing

We sing: VU 896 Blest Are They

David Hass

LISTENING TO THE STORY

Prayer of Illumination:

Breathe on us, Breath of God, and enlighten us with understanding. **May these words take root and grow within our spirits. Amen.**

A reading from Scripture: Micah 6:1-18

What does the Lord require of us?

A reading from the Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12
Blessed are the poor in spirit.

Anthem: Come, Come Unto Me

Ken Dosso

Meditation

We sing: VU 506 Take My Life and let it be

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.roges.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 540 Grant Us, God the Grace

Stuggart

Offering Prayer:

We come into your presence, God most holy, in awe and wonder at your great love for us all, no matter who we are, no matter what we have done. **Open our hearts to your holy wisdom. Help us, we pray, to share your love with the world, just as the Wise Ones shared their gifts with Jesus. In his name, and in your love, we pray. Amen.**

Prayers for our World and Prayer of Jesus

We sing: MV 18 Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

We sing: VU 602 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

We go out into the world:

Be blessed, perfectly imperfect people of God.

Be filled with compassion, love, and peace.

May we know how deeply we are loved.

May we know how important each one of our lives is.

May we pay attention to the whispers of the Spirit within our hearts.

May we know the constant love and presence of God.

May it be so! Amen.

We sing: VU 481 Sent Forth by God's Blessing
(verse One)

The Ash Grove

Postlude:

Worship today was inspired by Gathering, Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, 2025/2026, Year C.

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