

July 12, 2026 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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 honored, change is embraced, and injustice is challenged.

We are dedicated to being welcoming and affirming, engaging participation of all, including people of any age, color, 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.

Today's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of **Son, brother Jonathan Anstey** from Angeline, Carolyn and David.

THE SPIRIT GATHERS US IN

The Life and Work of Gower

Voluntary

We sing: VU 226 For the Beauty of the Earth

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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:

Come to praise God.

We come to praise our Creator.

Come with gratitude.

In peaceful generosity, we come to worship.

What a joy it is to be united in praise.

Let us worship God!

Gathering Prayer:

God of raindrops and stormy clouds, we gather under the umbrella of your Spirit, willing and ready to soak in the love and wisdom you have provided.

Be with us in this time of worship as we immerse ourselves in the words of scripture, songs, and prayers.

We welcome the showers of the unconditional love you share with all. **Amen.**

We sing: VU 703 In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Promise

LISTENING TO THE STORY

A reading from sacred scripture: Psalm 119:105-112 (VU. p.841)

Your word is a lamp for my feet.

A reading from the Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

The parable of the sower and the seed.

We sing: VU 595 We Are Pilgrims

Servant Song

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. You can also scan the QR code on your mobile device to be brought directly to our website page.



Gathering our Gifts:

Welcoming God, you invite us to share.

We give with tender hearts, aware of the need around us.
We share these offerings so that your good news might be experienced.
Fill us with generous spirits. Amen.

We sing: MV 191 What Can I Do?

Offering Prayer:

Loving God, in our bid to serve you, we worship with our word and deeds.

And now, we offer our gifts of time, prayers and material goods. May they be used to ease the lives of others, wherever they go.

Let your love shine in all we do, so it trickles beyond the spaces where we live and worship.

In the light of your gracious love, we offer our gifts.

Bless the givers and those receiving. **Amen.**

Prayers for the World and the Prayer of Jesus

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

We sing: VU 651 Guild Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM Rhondda

We go out into the world:

May our shared life be a blessing to you.

And to all.

May the Spirit of peace bear you up.

May the Spirit of love fill you with courage.

May all people you meet find the Christ in you,

and may you find the Christ in them. Amen.

Postlude on CWM Rhondda

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