

July 5, 2026
Sixth 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.

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.

THE SPIRIT GATHERS US IN

The Life and Work of Gower

Voluntary

We sing: VU 232 Joyful, Joyful

Hymn to Joy

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 are gathered here on this Sunday after a week of our own busyness.

We are here for rest and renewal.

We are gathered here to feel God's presence, like a cool breeze on a hot, humid day.

We are here to release the noise and stresses of the world.

We are gathered to receive the good news of God's healing power,
like a parent singing a lullaby to a crying baby or a Good Samaritan stopping to help.

We are here to soothe our spirits and to fill our hearts with God's love.

This is the day that God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Let us worship!

Gathering Prayer:

Who do you call us to love, O God?

You call us to love ourselves, in our confidence and in our self-doubt.

Who do you call us to love, O God?

You call us to love our neighbor, friends and neighbors across the fence or sitting beside us, friends and neighbors yet to be discovered.

Who do you call us to love, O God?

You call us to love you, with all our mind, with all our soul, with all our heart. You are the ultimate focus of our love.

And who called us to direct our love in this way?

It was Jesus in whom your love was clearly reflected, O God. Shape our lives with the love of Jesus day by day. Amen.

We sing: VU 374 Come and Find a Quiet Centre

Beach Spring

LISTENING TO THE STORY

A reading from sacred scripture: Psalm 23, p.749, Refrain 1

Elineau

Music Reflection

Prayer Meditation

A series of spoken reflections and musical meditation inviting quiet prayer and contemplation.

Reflection 1 - Gratitude

Music Interlude

Reflection 2 - Peace

Music Interlude

Reflection 3 - Guidance
Music Interlude

Reflection 4 - Dedication
Final Music Interlude

We Sing: VU 381 Spirit of Life

Spirit of Life

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:

As we prepare to offer our gifts, we remember the words of Psalm 23:
"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Out of the abundance of God's care and provision, we give with grateful hearts, trusting that the Good Shepherd continues to lead, sustain, and bless us. Let us present our offerings as an expression of our faith, gratitude, and love.

We sing: MV 191 What Can I Do?

Offering Prayer:

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.

Prayers for the World and the Prayer of Jesus

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

We sing: VU 421 Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

Lancashire

We go out into the world:

God's great love lead you.
Christ's great compassion compel you.
The Spirit's song uplift you,
this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

We sing: MV 154. Deep in Our Hearts (v.1)

Freed

Postlude: Intermezzi

Schroeder

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