

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.

708 I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU
Carey Landry
Based on Is. 49: 15

1. I will nev - er for - get you, my peo - ple;
1. I have carved you on the palm of my hand.
1. I will nev - er for - get you; I will not leave you
1. or - phaned. I will nev - er for - get my own.
2. Does a moth - er for - get her ba - by?
2. Or a wom - an the child with - in her womb?
2. Yet e - ven if these for - get, yes, e - ven if
2. these for - get, I will nev - er for - get my own. (Repeat v. 1)

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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: Psaume 91; Psaume 86

Bédard

We sing: VU 691 Though Ancient Walls

Karr

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:

May the light radiating from this candle be a sign and symbol of Jesus' amazing grace!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Gathering Words:

Our faith has brought us to church.

Our faith sustains us in these testing times.

Our faith sustains our family of faith.

Our faith has held us in church.

Our faith gives us a purpose and a vision.

Our faith enlivens our faith community.

Our faith calls us to look beyond this local church.

Our faith calls us to partner with churches and agencies in many nations.

Our ministry and mission strengthens many communities.

Our faith rejoices in the Easter hallelujahs!

Our faith finds focus in the risen Jesus.

We are here, excited to follow the way of Jesus.

Let us worship our amazing God!

Gathering Prayer:

Gracious God, we thank you, for because of you,

We are not orphaned.

We are never alone, and we have you with us always.

For this, we are beyond grateful. We are blessed.

For you are our advocate, our helper, our comforter, our friend. Amen.

We Sing: MV 156 Dance with the Spirit

LISTENING TO THE STORY

Prayer of Illumination:

Creator God, as we receive the words of scripture today, may we understand the love and tenderness in you as you care for us, your precious children.

Learning your word just like the disciples did so long ago, may we discover a connection to our own lives and may the lessons fortify us for the week ahead. Amen.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 66:8-20 (VU pp. 784-785 Part Two and Three) God reserved us.

A reading from the Gospel: John 14:15-21
The Advocate, the Spirit, will be with you.

Meditation

Music Reflection

We sing: VU 595 We Are Pilgrims

Gillard

COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND SHARING GOD'S LOVE THROUGH OUR MINISTRY

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Gathering our Gifts

We are not powerless. We can do something. We have been called to make a difference, both here, in our neighborhood and around the world.

Let us then offer our gifts as one way to offer God's healing grace to a hurting world.

We sing: MV 191 What can I do?

Offering Prayer:

Life-giving God, the earth overflows with your abundant blessings, the miracles of your creation, and yet there are too many shortages in our world.

Your love knows no bounds, your care for us is limitless, and yet there are too many who gather more than they need.

Awaken us, your people, to notice the cries of hunger, and rouse us to find the ways so that all have the necessities of life.

Take these gifts as our promise today to trust in your unfailing goodness. Amen.

Prayers for the World and the Prayer of Jesus

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

We sing: VU 264 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

We go out into the world:

It has been a morning for reflection, for fellowship and discussion on the beauty of God's unconditional love.

We take all our creativity, our awe of this world, our love for one another and for creation, and our actions, to make it a better place as we go out into the world.

Leave this place full of the glory and blessings of God.

Hallelujah! Amen!

We sing: MV 115 Behold, Behold, I make All Things

John Bell

Postlude: Trumpet Voluntary

Stanley

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