

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.

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.

Lighting of the Candle of Faith:

We light this candle of faith. It symbolizes life in all its richness.

Come, let us worship, learn, and celebrate together.

(The candle is lit.)

Gathering Words:

The Spirit in me

greet the Spirit in you.

May peace-

deep peace-

divine peace-

be within us all.

May this moment be a "kin-dom moment"

when we know,

with all that we are,

that God is present,

with us, in us, around us.

With that knowledge,

as people of Jesus,

we worship God.

Gathering Prayer:

Life-giving God:

you speak and the earth trembles,

you speak and we strain to hear,

you speak and prophets proclaim.

Great God of past, present, and future,

open us to your movement in our world

and in our lives.

In this time of worship,

open us to your presence and to your call;

give us strength for serving you. Amen

We sing: VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy,

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Exploring

LISTENING TO THE STORY

A reading from Scripture: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Agree with one another; live in peace; trinity.

A reading of the gospel: Matthew 28:16-20
Go be disciples in all the world.

Response:

We give thanks.

We are grateful for the wisdom revealed in these words of scripture, in each other and in ourselves. Amen.

Anthem: When in Our Music God is Glorified

Meditation

We sing: MV 10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

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.



A Moment for Affirm

Gathering of Our Gifts

We sing: VU 540 Grant Us, God, the Grace

Stuttgart

Offertory Prayer:

**Creator of our hearts,
Jesus of our lives,
Spirit of each moment-
We are not very good at bending our knees,
Yet we know, God of all,
that we are yours,
heart, mind and soul;
you love and protect,
and cherish and challenge us.
Guide us, O God,
As we live our part and give our portion.
In Jesus' name, we ask it. Amen.**

Prayers for the World and the Prayer of Jesus

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

We sing: VU 420 Go to the World

Sine Nomine

We go out into the world:

And now, touched by God's Spirit,
which makes us free,
held in God's love, which gives us strength,
befriended by God's son, who breaks down walls,

let us live with hearts wide open to all the adventure,
all the pain, all the joy, of being God's people,
in every place life calls us to be.
Thanks be to God. Amen!

VU 967 Threefold Amen

Danish

Postlude: Fuge in C BuxWV 174

Buxtehude

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