

WELCOME TO IONA

We are pleased to gather together for worship today. Join us after the service for fellowship time. If you wish more information on our congregation, please speak to the duty elder or the minister.

Pastoral information cards are located in the front of the hymn books.

Interim Moderator: The Rev. Dr. PA (Sandy) McDonald

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We gather on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. Peace and Friendship Treaties with the Mi'kmaq bind us together as we strive for healing and reconciliation.

June 16, 2024, 10:00 am

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Greeting Elder: Irene Rose

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

(Please stand, if able, as the worship leader enters and then be seated.)

Greeting: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The Ministry of God's People

APPROACH TO THE WORD



*Choral Introit 445: Open our eyes, Lord

Call to Worship:

L: It is good to give God thanks, to sing praises to the Most High!

All: We will sing for joy to God who has made us glad.

L: Let us declare God's steadfast love in the morning,

All: and God's faithfulness by night.

L: So come to worship God with thankful, joyful hearts!

All: Let us praise God's holy name together.

*Hymn 368: Let Christian faith and hope dispel

Prayer of Confession:

L: Holy God, you call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith.

All: Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules. It's hard to live by faith.

L: You call us to place our trust in you, to live according to your direction.

All: Yet we want life to make sense from a human point of view. It's hard to live by faith.

L: You call us to feel the mystery of life, to marvel at the power of your love.

All: Yet it's not easy to accept your promise that everything old has passed away. It's hard to live by faith.

L: Forgive us, holy maker of reality.

All: Forgive us for playing god instead of accepting our humanity.

Assurance of Pardon:

L: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ – and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace! Rejoice in God's good gift.

HEARING THE WORD

First Reading: 1 Samuel 15:34- 16:13

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 20

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn 681: We have heard a joyful sound

Conversation: A Riddle... know the answer?

"What is stronger than God, more evil than the devil, poor people have it, rich people don't need it, and if you eat it, you'll die?"

From the letters: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

*Hymn 674: In the bulb there is a flower

Sermon: Walk by Faith, not by Sight

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People: The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" **830**

*Affirmation of Faith: Living Faith 6.1.1

*Offertory Prayer

GOING OUT TO SERVE GOD

*Hymn 677: My faith looks up to thee

*Commissioning and Benediction

*Choral Amen

* Please stand if able.

Large print hymnbooks are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you to **The Rev. Kenn Stright** for leading the service this morning. Join us for coffee after the service this week and for lemonade next week, both hosted by **Congregational Life**.

This Week at Iona (June 16th – June 22nd):

• **June 18th** – 9:00am (***please note time change***) – Ukulele Group meets. This will be the last practice until the Fall. The Ukulele Group will be playing on Graduate Sunday.

Next Week at Iona (June 23rd – June 29th)**Announcements:**

- If anyone would like a Prayer Shawl over the summer months, please contact Evelyn Brown at 902-466-2558 or speak to an AMS member.
- We are looking for someone who might be interested in cutting the church lawn for the summer. If you have children, grandchildren or someone else who might like the opportunity to make some money this summer please contact Perry Mason. All the equipment is supplied by the church. The person must be old enough to handle a self propelled mower as well as a gas operated whipper snipper. The lawn normally takes one person, 3-4 hours to complete and would need to be done every one to two weeks depending upon the growth. The pay for each mowing is \$100.
- I would like to share April 's statistics from the **East Dartmouth Christian Foodbank** with you. We saw 460 people, or 173 households attend the Foodbank in April. The age group that has the most people are ages 35 to 44 years old. We have seen a large increase in 2024 and a lot more ethnic groups. We have been trying to accommodate their preferences of food such as dried lentils and beans as a protein where many don't eat meat. We thank you for your support from Iona Church. You all have been so gracious and have always supplied the needs when I've asked. You probably don't realize the lives you impact. Thank you so much, Heather
- **Mission and Service**
It is time, once again, for the yearly campaign to support our two children, through Children Believe. This campaign will continue until the end of June 2024 as our bill arrives in June or July. It costs about \$45.00 per month to support one child. If you would like to contribute to the children, please place your contribution in your offering envelope and mark it for Children Believe. Last year we collected enough funds to fulfil our support and send a small gift to each girl. Any extra funds are placed into the emergency fund. Thank you for your consideration and support of this mission.