

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. We offer thanks for their stewardship of this good earth!

June 9, 2024, 10:00 am

5th Sunday After Pentecost

Greeting Elder: Linda MacKinnon

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

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

Prelude: (Time for prayer and silent reflection)

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 513:** "Now there is no male or female"

***Call to Worship:**

L: Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: We see God's wondrous works all around us,

All: so we come to praise God's holy name.

L: Open wide your hearts in this time of worship!

All: We lift our hearts to God with thanks and praise.

***Hymn 290:** "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (in unison):

With the Hebrew poet we exclaim, "I bow down and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness". O God, by whose grace we are nourished and refreshed, we make our confession for this day. We are so ready to focus on what can be seen rather than on what cannot be seen. We forget that we have a building from you, a house not made with hands, eternal and abiding, reliable and steady.

Grant us light for our darkness, courage in our fear, hope for our despair, peace for our turmoil, joy for our sorrow, strength in our weakness, wisdom for our confusion, forgiveness for our sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

All (sung): Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

HEARING THE WORD

First Reading: 1 Samuel 8:4-20; 11:14-15

Responsive Reading: Psalm 138; **Gloria Patri (sung)**

***Hymn 667:** "God, you touch the earth with beauty"

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mark 3: 20-35

One: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ**

***Hymn 650:** "He leadeth me"

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering followed by The Doxology (sung # 830)

***Affirmation of Faith:** #539 Apostles' Creed

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) (#831)

***Hymn 635:** "Brother, sister, let me serve you"

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen**

Postlude

* Please stand if able

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

Thank you to **The Rev. Dr. PA (Sandy) McDonald** for leading the service this morning. Join us for coffee after the service hosted by **Choir** this week and by **Congregational life** next week.

This Week at Iona (June 9th – June 15th):

- **June 11th** – 1:30 - AMS meeting. This will be our closing meeting for the year with potluck desserts and fun.
- **June 13th** – 1:30 - Guild last meeting

Next Week at Iona (June 16th – June 22nd)

- **June 18th** – 9:00am (*please note time change*) – Ukulele Group meets

Announcements:

- 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
- **Sunday school classes** are finished until Sept. Children can remain upstairs with their guardian during the service. There are activity packs available in the narthex.
- **2024 Graduates**
We acknowledge our Secondary and Post Secondary **Graduates** each year. This year's Graduate Sunday will be June 23rd. If you have graduates in your family, could you please add their names to the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the entryway. This information is required no later than June 16th.
- **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.

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