

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.

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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!

March 16, 2025, 10:00 am

Second Sunday in Lent

Greeting Elder: Irene Rose

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 625:** "Seek ye first"

Note: instead of "Allelu, alleluia", we'll sing "Kyrie eleison"

***Call to Worship:** *Please see insert*

***Hymn 478:** "To Abraham and Sarah"

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

L: God of the covenant,
whose compassion lasts from age to age:
You promise us peace in a troubled world.
You promise us honesty when earthly powers distort the truth.
Your presence is steady when the future seems uncertain.
Your love gives us hope when hatred seems to reign supreme.
Let us celebrate your presence this day, O God,
as you reveal yourself in the beauty of Creation,
in the words of our forebears,
in the welcome of Christ, your beloved Son,
and in the passion and clarity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

**All: Most merciful God,
through Christ you desire to gather us together
as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,
but we confess that we often go our own way.**

**We may hesitate to put your purposes before our own plans.
We may be afraid of the cost of true discipleship.
Let us not be like those whose god is one of hunger,
and whose minds are set on earthly things.
Strengthen our trust in your promises, O God,
and remind us that we are citizens of heaven.
Fill us, then, with your abiding love;
renew our zeal for your justice,
such as no human court can comprehend;
and give us the courage to strive for peace;
a peace that the world cannot provide.
In the example of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who, although he was entirely of heaven,
became fully human and changed this world forever.**

Assurance of Pardon

*** Children's hymn 705:** "God, who made the earth"

*** Children's Time**

Children may go to Sunday School

HEARING THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-21

Responsive Reading: Psalm 27

Gloria Patri (sung# 594)

Epistle: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

*** Hymn 489:** "Help us to help each other, Lord"

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering followed by The Doxology (sung # 830)

***Affirmation of Faith:** *Living Faith 3.1 ("Jesus Christ and Israel")*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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

***Hymn 468:** "Lord, dismiss us with your blessing"

***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 **Tamsin Moynihan-Robson** for leading the service this morning. Join us for coffee after the service hosted by **Mary Martha** this week and by **Worship** next week.

03/16/2025

This Week at Iona (March 6th – March 22nd):

- **March 19th** - 9:30 - 11:30 - Wed Morning coffee and crafts group meeting at church. Bring your projects and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee while you work.
- **March 19th** - 1:30-3:00 pm – Bible study

Next Week at Iona (March 23rd – March 29th):

- **March 26th** - 9:30 - 11:30 - Wed Morning coffee and crafts group meeting at church. Bring your projects and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee while you work.
- **March 26th** - 1:30-3:00 pm – Bible study
- **March 29th** - 2:00 to 4:00 pm – Talents and Treasurers Auction

Announcements:

- The flowers today are placed in loving memory of my precious granddaughter Leah Clarke by her grandmother Linda MacKinnon
- There are new books in the “book box” in the narthex. Have a look and help yourself to what may interest you.
- **Talents and Treasurers Auction**
March 29/2025, 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Tea Coffee and Dessert is served first at 2:00 pm
Session invites you to offer your talents and treasurers, that they may be multiplied in support of Iona. You may offer any talent, service or item to be auctioned. Previous items have included; the use of a cottage or truck, snow plowing or gardening advice, financial services, scenic drives, dinners, baked goods, candy, gift baskets, gift items, lessons and crafts. As well we are blessed with gifted painters. Whatever talents or gifts the Lord has blessed you with, please share them with Iona.
- The Annual meeting will be held May 4, 2025, following the service.