

## 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!*

**April 27, 2025, 10:00 am**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Mission Awareness Sunday**

Greeting Elder: Heather Dupont

### 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.**

### APPROACH TO THE WORD

**\*Choral Introit 260:** "Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord" (verses 2, 4)

**\*Call to Worship:**

The voice of God is calling us here today;

**The warmth of God brings his people together.**

So, we come with joy and sorrow in our hearts;

**With good deeds and bad habits;**

With kindness and with selfishness;

**With doubts and with faith.**

Lord, we lay the burdens of our lives before you,

**and ask for comfort and peace.**

We give you thanks and praise as we worship together.

**\*Hymn 761:** "Who's going to tell the story"

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession:**

L: Holy One, we come today just as we are, with all the joys and burdens of our week filling our minds. We come to be still in your presence, and to refocus our minds and our lives on you. We come to worship you. The beauty of sunrise and sunset, the changing seasons

in all their magnificence, the stars in the sky, and the creatures from the tiniest to the greatest all proclaim your glory!

Lord Jesus, your love for us and all creation changes everything! You offer us your forgiveness, peace, joy, and hope so we can live life abundantly. You love us completely, and call us to be partners, sharing your love, serving others as you serve us.

Holy Spirit, you are with us always, reaching out to us with your comfort and assurance, leading us in the ways of God. You inspire us to serve others with creativity and commitment as we follow Jesus, our Lord.

**All: Loving and forgiving God, we confess that too often we fall short of our calling to walk in your way, to serve our neighbours, and to love our enemies. These are not easy choices for us. Forgive us when we follow our own way rather than your way. By your Spirit lead us, strengthen us, and empower us to be the people and the Church you call us to be. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**\* Children's hymn 631:** "Jesus' hands were kind hands"

**\* Children's Time**

**Children may go to Sunday School**

### HEARING THE WORD

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 100

**Gloria Patri (sung# 594)**

**Gospel:** Matthew 20:20-28

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

**\* Hymn 758:** "Christ's is the world in which we move"

**Sermon**

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Offering followed by Doxology** (sung # 830)

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession**

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

**\*Hymn 720:** "Our cities cry to you, O God"

**\*Commissioning and Benediction**

**\*Choral Amen**

**Postlude**

**\* Please stand if able**

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

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

**This Week at Iona (April 27<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>):**

- **April 30<sup>th</sup>** - 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.
- **April 30<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30-3:00 pm – Bible study

**Next Week at Iona (May 4<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup>):**

- **May 7<sup>th</sup>** - 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.
- **May 7<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30-3:00 pm – Bible study

**Announcements:**

- **Soup Luncheon**  
Congregational Life will be hosting a Soup Luncheon after the General Meeting on Sunday, May 4th. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the entryway. We will ask for donations for Children Believe as our bill will be due in June or July. Thank you for your continued support.
- The Annual meeting will be held **May 4, 2025**, following the service.
- Takeaway tea is available for \$12 per order on **May 10**. Please place orders by May 4. Contact Debbie: 902 223 7853.