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!

June 1, 2025, 10:00 am

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Greeting Elder: Waneta Holmes

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**.
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APPROACH TO THE WORD

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

***Call to Worship:**

In the tapestry of life, in the kinship of all things,
we see that Christ is risen indeed.
In the unity of past, present, and future,
we see that Christ is risen indeed.
In the call to oneness, in the finding of common ground,
we see that Christ is risen indeed; hallelujah!

***Hymn 663:** " God whose giving knows no ending"

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

L: God of unity, God of simultaneity,
God who transcends time and space:
The deeds of the ancient prophets declare your boundless potential.
Your holy city, ever on the horizon,
beckons all who walk the path of healing and justice.
And for us, you sent Jesus, the Christ,
who prayed that we all may become one —
across the many members of his body on earth,
across time, across creeds, and across barriers.
And so we reveal your oneness in every moment
where sincerity prevails over the limitations of language,
where common purpose overcomes the will to be right,
where strangers meet doing good.
All praise be to you, O God and Beacon of Truth,
through your resurrected Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

All: God who reconciles all in all,
in Christ you show us such a longing for unity
that you made both divine and human natures fully present in him, such that one could not be distinguished from another.
Yet we confess that true oneness is often difficult for the limited human spirit.
We might still seek to remake our neighbours in the name of togetherness.
We might fear to lose our uniqueness in the play of Self and Other.
We might judge the hearts of those around us in the name of agreement.
Forgive us, O God, and teach us to become one as Jesus showed us;
by expanding who we are to embrace the Other in all times and places.

Assurance of Pardon

***Children's hymn 480:** "In Christ there is no east or west"
***Children's Time**
Children may go to Sunday School

HEARING THE WORD

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-15
Responsive Reading: Psalm 109:21-31
Gloria Patri (sung# 594)
Epistle: Revelation 22:12-21
Gospel: John 17:20-26
One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**
***Hymn 711:** "O holy city, seen of John"
Sermon
Offertory music

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering followed by The Doxology (sung # 830)

***Affirmation of Faith:** *Living Faith 7.1, "The Church"*
***Prayer of Dedication**
Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession 06/1/2025
The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) (831)
***Hymn 736:** "For the healing of the nations"
***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 **AMS** this week and by **Session** next week.

This Week at Iona (June 1st – June 7th):

- **June 1 -** SOUP lunch. Please join us in a soup luncheon following the service on June 1st. If you would like to donate a pot of soup to share please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

- **June 3 –** AMS meeting at the church. You are welcome to join us; this will be our last meeting until September. If you need a Prayer Shawl over the summer, you can contact Evelyn Brown or any AMS member.

- **June 4 -** 1:30-3:00 pm – Bible study

Next Week at Iona (June 8th – June 14th):

Announcements:

- Please contact Debbie or Wanetta with the graduates' names.