

## 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!*

**May 11, 2025, 10:00 am**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Christian Family Sunday**

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

**\*Call to Worship:**

In the now, in the already, and in the not-yet,  
**we see that Christ is risen indeed.**

In the stillness, in the twilight, in the moment before dawn,  
**we see that Christ is risen indeed.**

In the ordinary moments of our ordinary lives,  
**we see that Christ is risen indeed.**

In the routine that is somehow different, the familiar surroundings made new,

**we see that Christ is risen indeed; hallelujah!**

**\*Hymn 374:** "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing"

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession:**

L: God of potential, God of the precipice,  
God of the now and not-yet:

In ancient times you spoke through the prophets,  
enchanting us with wild visions of a world healed and transformed.  
You smile upon people of every creed, nation, and language,  
inspiring us to meet in the practice of your goodness.  
And in this and every age, you send your Son,  
made human two thousand years ago and alive in us today,  
to cry out for justice, to seek and serve the lost,  
and to proclaim your Kingdom,  
a great table where all are already welcomed, fed, and nurtured.  
And so we look for your face in the darkness before the dawn,  
in the kindness of a stranger,  
in the networks of life that even now stir within the earth,  
and in all the little victories that we will someday rejoice in,  
but do not yet see.  
All praise be to you, O God and Ground of Being  
through your resurrected Son, in the ardour of the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever.

**All: God of the in-between spaces,  
in the resurrection you show us a universe forever altered,  
and a reality made rich with promises of possibility.  
Yet we confess that it is often too easy to return to our old routines,  
to abide in a world still broken as if your Word means nothing.  
We may find ourselves unsettled by the newness you bring,  
and crave the comfort of the way things used to be.  
We may turn aside in frustration as we see your Kingdom struggle to break forth.  
We may find ourselves disappointed that so much is still as it was,  
forgetting that your victory of life and love is ever ongoing.  
Anoint us, O God, with your courage to face this world;  
send your Spirit to alight upon us,  
and satisfy us this and every morning with your steadfast love.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**\* Children's hymn 712:** "Arise, your light is come"

**\* Children's Time**

**Children may go to Sunday School**

### HEARING THE WORD

**First Reading:** Isaiah 61:1-3

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 90:13-17

**Gloria Patri (sung# 594)**

**Epistle:** Revelation 5:11-14

**Gospel:** John 21:1-19

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

\* Hymn 298: "Glory be to God the Father"

Sermon

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Offertory music:

### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Offering followed by The Doxology (sung # 830)

\*Affirmation of Faith: *Living Faith 8.3.1, 8.3.3, 8.3.5, "Love"*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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

\*Hymn 643: "Lift high the cross"

\*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** for leading the service this morning.

Join us for coffee after the service hosted by **Mission and Service** this week

and by **AMS** next week.

### **This Week at Iona (May 11<sup>th</sup> – May 17<sup>th</sup>):**

- **May 14** - 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 14** - 1:30-3:00 pm – Bible study

### **Next Week at Iona (May 18<sup>th</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup>):**

- **May 21** - 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 21** - 1:30-3:00 pm – Bible study

### **Announcements:**

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