

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 15, 2025, 10:00 am

Trinity Sunday

National Indigenous Peoples 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 299:** "Holy, holy, holy"

***Call to Worship:**

L: God's name is above all names

All: May we seek Him in majesty all of our days

L: God's love has come to earth, and died for our sakes

All: May God's sacrifice show His love to us

L: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, all in one

All: Praise be to God's name, forever and ever, amen.

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

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

L: Loving God and mysterious trinity

You have been here since the foundations of the earth, and yet came to earth as a human.

You have existed at once eternally, and yet only for a short while.

You, who are older than time itself, who escapes all bounds of time and space, entered into our lives and became our friend, brother, and teacher.

You have known us more intimately than we know even ourselves. And we have known You just as intimately, even when Your ways seem so mysterious to us.

Your love has bridged an impossible chasm, allowing us to know that which is unknowable, and brought heaven into our very hearts.

May our love for You grow, may we grow closer with You, and may that love help us to touch the lives of those around us. This we ask in Your Holy and mysterious name. Amen.

All: Gracious and all-loving God

Great and mysterious are Your ways, yet near to our hearts we beckon You.

Though we know You are near, too often we see You as distant.

We seek distance when we should be closer, and we try to grasp heaven when You have asked us to remain faithful. We may at times be impatient, doubtful, and hard of heart.

Come forth out from the veil, O Lord, and guide us to Your love.

Like You, may we exist in perfect harmony with one another. Help us to cast off doubts and move together in faith and love. Grant us the courage to seek each other's peace. And may we all come together in worship, because of the love You have already showed us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*** Children's hymn 292:** "Father, I adore You"

*** Children's Time**

Children may go to Sunday School

HEARING THE WORD

First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Responsive Reading: Psalm 8

Gloria Patri (sung# 594)

Epistle: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

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

*** Hymn 325:** "Eternal Father, strong to save"

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering followed by The Doxology (sung # 830)

***Affirmation of Faith:** *Apostles' Creed (#539 in The Book of Praise)*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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

*Hymn 775: "Sent forth by God's blessing"

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*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 **David R Parker** for leading the service this morning. Join us for coffee after the service, hosted by **Congregational Life**. Next week, they will be serving lemonade.

This Week at Iona (June 15th – June 21st):

Next Week at Iona (June 22nd – June 28th):

- **June 22 - Graduate Sunday**

Announcements:

- **East Dartmouth Christian Foodbank**

The month of June has 5 Sundays. The Mission and Service Committee will be supporting the EDCFB by collecting food items during the month. Some suggestions include nonperishable protein (peanut butter, canned meat or fish etc.) Hot Chocolate mix, pancake mix, syrup and rice. Thank you in advance for your support.

- **Graduates 2025**

We acknowledge our Secondary and Post Secondary Graduates each year. This year Graduate Sunday will be June 22nd. If you have a graduate in your family, could you please add their names to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the entry way. This information is required by June 15, 2025, in order to get into the bulletin.