

## 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 10, 2026, 10:00 am:**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

**Christian Family Sunday**

Greeting Elder: Debbie Bourque

### 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 254:** "Jesus is risen from the grave" (vv. 1, 5)

**\*Call to Worship:**

In the warmth of the Sun and the coming of spring,

**We feel the Earth rising with Christ.**

In hearts that are open and minds that expand,

**We feel ourselves rising with Christ.**

As our friends long for justice and cry out for peace,

**We see the world rising with Christ.**

Each morning, within us, may Christ rise again.

**May all that is good rise with Christ.**

**\*Hymn 485:** "Saviour, like a shepherd lead us"

### Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

God whose work is gentle as water on stone,  
You coax the stardust into your living, breathing Image,  
you shepherd our souls across lifetimes and hemispheres,  
and in our billions you nurture and cherish each one of us.  
You shepherd us as no mortal princes ever could;  
and through your Spirit of Truth, our Advocate and Comforter,  
you guide us along our way, as rivers flowing to the sea.  
Even when our world seems rife with injustice,  
and we struggle to stay the course as boats on a raging sea,  
you help us to stay the course, abiding in our zeal for all that is good.  
All praise be to you, O God who shepherds and nurtures us,  
and to your Son, crucified and risen,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**O God, you send your Spirit to be our Advocate,  
who is with us throughout the Age.**

**But we confess that, sometimes,  
we find ourselves overwhelmed  
by the din and clutter of the world,  
unable to listen for your Spirit's voice.  
Forgive us, and gather us unto you  
as under the wings of a mother bird;  
keep us safe in your almighty Love,  
from which you gave us birth.**

### Words of Assurance

**Teaching hymn 588:** "A prophet-woman broke a jar"

### HEARING THE WORD

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 34:1–7a (Against false shepherds)

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 115 ("Not to us, O Lord, but to your name")

**Gloria Patri (sung# 594)**

**Epistle:** 1 Peter 3:13–22 (Suffering for doing right)

**Gospel:** John 14:15–21 (The promise of the Advocate)

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

**\*Hymn 312:** "Mothering God, you gave me birth"

**Sermon**

**Invitation to the Offering**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

\*Affirmation of Faith: *Living Faith 4.2.2, from "The Holy Spirit Enables People to Believe"*.

### \*Prayer of Dedication

### Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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

\*Hymn 581: "Pour out your Spirit from on high"

### \*Commissioning and Benediction

### Postlude

\* Please stand if able

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

Join us for coffee after the service—hosted by **AMS** this week and by **Operations** next.

### Announcements:

- **Hospitality & Community Life**

It is now time to compile our list of graduates for 2026. If you have a child or grandchild graduating from High School or a post-secondary institution, please let us know. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board. We need to have some information on each student by June 14th, 2026, to honour them on Graduate Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

- Bible study resumes this Wednesday, May 13.
- The next Guild meeting will be May 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at the church.
- The coffee group meets every Wednesday at 9:30.
- SPRING TAKE-AWAY TEA  
Saturday, May 23 | Pick-up 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Iona Presbyterian Church, 90 Lucien Dr., Dartmouth  
Cost: \$12  
Orders accepted May 3–19 by calling Irene at 902-829-2783.  
Bake Table, Craft Table, and New-to-You Table will also be available at pick-up.