

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 3, 2026, 10:00 am:

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Battle of the Atlantic Sunday

Greeting Elder: Linda MacKinnon

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:**

L: This day we come to offer God our praise and worship.

P: We come to be renewed in faith, as sons and daughters of God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

L: We are divinely accepted, forgiven, and made new.

P: In Jesus, the joy of abundant life is ours.

All: May our hearts rejoice and be glad!

L: Together, let us worship God.

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

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

God of the Way, the Truth, and the Life:
In your house there are many resting places,
in your arms there is room for all,
and through your Way all may find their home in you.
You invite us to step boldly into faith,
responding to your Spirit's call with the actions we take,
knowing that faith in you cannot but lead us to live it out.
Even when we feel lost and alone,
or our certainty of the path before us falters,
your Way remains, alive and self-evident,
beckoning us simply to trust and be guided.
All praise be to you, O God who shows the Way,
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 Son to embody the path to You,
and to incarnate all that is true, good, and alive.
But we confess that we often lose sight of the road before us,
adrift in our own worries, cares, and confusion.
Forgive us, and remind us that we need only look to You,
and as we take our next steps forward, You hold us in Your love.**

Words of Assurance

Teaching hymn: "Come and seek the ways of Wisdom" (*please see insert*)

HEARING THE WORD

First Reading: Proverbs 4:10–18 (The path of the righteous)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:9–32 ("How can young people keep their way pure?")

Gloria Patri (sung# 594)

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2–10 (Living stones)

Gospel Reading: John 14:1–14 ("I am the Way...")

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

***Hymn 256:** "Now the green blade rises"

Sermon

Invitation to the Offering

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering followed by The Doxology (sung # 830)

*Affirmation of Faith: *Living Faith 3.2.2-3.2.4, from "Jesus Christ: Truly God"*

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*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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

*Hymn 647: "Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us"

*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 next.

Announcements:

- Session meets this Monday May 4th at 2:30.
- Bible study is preempted this week for a **Lay Supervision Team** meeting and will resume on May 13.
- 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.