

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 28, 2026, 10:00 am

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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 565:** "Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life" (vv. 1, 3)

***Call to Worship:**

God has made us, knows us, and calls us;

Let us rejoice in the goodness that God has made.

God has come to us in Jesus, the Word of Creation;

Let us listen for the words of God, wherever they may be found.

God sends Their Holy Spirit to inspire and transform us;

Let us open our hearts to Her movement and Her challenge.

***Hymn 389:** "Breathe on me, breath of God"

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

God of ancient wisdom and new insight:

you are the spark of the idea that transforms our world;

you are the flash of hope when all seems lost;

and your heartbeat is felt in the earth by many nations.

Where there is brokenness, you invite us to repair.

Where there is abuse, you call us into healing.

Where the soul shies away, you beckon it into the light.

You challenge us to move beyond the stagnant ways of our past;

that through your guidance, our lives may be refashioned

toward creation, restoration, wholeness, and new life,

not perpetuating suffering, but as weapons of justice.

Blessing, honour, glory, and infinite possibility

be unto you, O God, Author of Life and Fount of Love,

known by many names and in many guises,

yet one Reality, now and forever.

God whose Word took human flesh and pitched his tent among us: you have given us bodies that hold our joy, pain, hope, and fear alike, living testaments to all that we have seen, done, held, and longed for. But we confess that, although we strive to nurture and care in all things, our bodies can just as easily be used to dismiss, disparage, and destroy.

Forgive us, O God; free us from the unkind tongue and the scornful glance;

guide our hands to reach out in kindness, and our hearts to reshape your world.

Words of Assurance

Teaching hymn 758: "Christ's is the world"

HEARING THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 22:1–14 (The binding of Isaac)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 13 ("How long, O Lord?")

Gloria Patri (sung# 594)

Second Reading: Romans 6:12–23 (Slaves of righteousness)

Gospel: Matthew 10:40–42 ("Whoever welcomes you welcomes me")

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

***Hymn 637:** "Take my life, and let it be"

Sermon

Invitation to the Offering

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering followed by The Doxology (sung # 830)

***Affirmation of Faith:** Living Faith 2.2.1, from "Our Creation"

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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

***Hymn 760:** "Where cross the crowded ways of life"

Readings

***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 **Operations** this week and by **Outreach and Service** next week.

Announcements:

- Camp Geddie 80th Anniversary Celebration
Sat., July 4 at 3:00 p.m. Vespers followed by "Geddiespageddie" meal
The meditation will be given by the Rev Whitney Canning, a former Director
- Victoria will be leaving us for a new opportunity. We wish her all the best. The position is part-time with some flexibility with hours. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please let Operations know as soon as possible. We will be posting this vacancy shortly.
- The coffee group meets every Wednesday at 9:30.