

## 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 7, 2026, 10:00 am:**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**General Assembly Sunday**

Greeting Elder: Waneta Holmes

**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 478:** "To Abraham and Sarah"

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession:**

God whose voice echoes across the centuries:

In ancient times you called Abraham to new horizons;

you called Moses to liberate and lead his people;  
you called the prophets to speak truth to power,  
and, in Christ, you called disciples from many walks of life,  
to live in and as your Kingdom of peace and justice.  
And though some were flawed, some were looked down upon,  
some protested their unworthiness, and still others ran away,  
you showed each time that you are no respecter of persons;  
for again and again you sought the simple trust  
that heals our hearts and transfigures our souls.  
And so we come, trusting that you have called each of us,  
at different times, in different ways, to different paths,  
that you may transform us to be agents of your goodness,  
nurturing others, bridging divides, and speaking out  
wherever injustice and oppression still linger.  
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.

**O God, you call us to trust in the hope of a transformed world,  
announcing and living that hope before friend and stranger alike.  
But we confess that so often we are daunted from following your call  
by the weight of our circumstances, cares, worries, or limitations.  
Forgive us, and help us to simply trust in the call we are given;  
for you know our strengths and our weaknesses, and call us still.  
So lead us, O God, to become more than we ever thought possible.**

**Words of Assurance**

**Teaching hymn 497:** "Word of God, across the ages"

### HEARING THE WORD

**First Reading:** Genesis 12:1–9 (The call of Abraham)

**Responsive Reading: Psalm** Psalm 33:1–12 ("Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous")

**Gloria Patri (sung# 594)**

**Second Reading:** Romans 4:13–25 (God's promise realized through faith)

**Gospel:** Matthew 28:16–20 (The call of Matthew / a girl restored to life and a woman healed)

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

**\*Hymn:** "God it was who said to Abram" (*please see insert*)

**Sermon**

**Invitation to the Offering**

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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

\*Affirmation of Faith: *Living Faith 4.3.1, 4.3.4, from "The Holy Spirit Forms and Equips the Church"*.

### \*Prayer of Dedication

### Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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

\*Hymn 585: "Christ, you call us all to service"

### 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 **Session** this week and by **Hospitality and Community Life** next week.

### Announcements:

- Wed June 10th: The Wed morning tea ladies and the Guild will be heading out to lunch following their morning get together.;
- If you would like to join us, please let Debbie or Irene know or join us Wed morning at 9:30 am
- Graduate Sunday and Communion: June 21st we will recognize our graduates of High School or Post Secondary Education. We also will celebrate Holy Communion lead by the Rev Dr Cynthia Chenard

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 is now on hiatus for the summer. Many thanks to all who have participated in and supported this endeavour!
- The coffee group meets every Wednesday at 9:30.