

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!*

July 12, 2026, 10:00 am

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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 496:** "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet"

***Call to Worship:**

L: God's word lights our way as we walk in this world;

C: We come seeking the light that guides us in truth.

L: Though life is filled with trials, and uncertainty, the Lord preserves and leads His people.

C: We delight in God's instruction, which is our joy and our hope.

L: Let us incline our hearts to do the will of the Lord, with steadfast faithfulness;

C: We will worship the Lord, whose Word is our salvation.

***Hymn 674:** "In the bulb there is a flower"

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

You, who humble those who would put themselves above others,
and break down the walls we build between each other,
We thank you for all that you have made for us to keep and enjoy in this
world—as we wait and prepare ourselves for the day when we are welcomed
into your perfection—that none of us deserve, but all have been invited into.

From your place of all-seeing, and all-knowing, you see inside of our hearts:
you see our hopes, our fears, and our insecurities that keep us from living
into your vision for us as a grafted family of God.
You see how, generation after generation,
when we let our eyes look away from you, we continue to bring brokenness
into a system that you had made perfect, and good.
So often, we turn to sin for relief and solutions, sooner than we turn to you.
In our impatience, our vulnerability, and our arrogance, we forget you,
and instead turn to our world and its ways, its powers,
and things that we have built for comfort, rather than meeting the challenge
of your call upon our lives.

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Where we have passed by those whom you have called us to notice,
forgive us.

Where fear, habit, or pride have kept us from welcoming one another as
members of your family, change our hearts.

And God, as we pause in silence,
reveal where we are resisting your plans for us, and give us the courage to
leave behind the ways of this world, for the ways of your kingdom.

**God over all nations, rebuild our hearts as you would have them be.
As we walk through this world, help us to open our hearts, that we
might hear your voice and have our wanderings bring us closer to you.
Help us to be patient, to love even when it is difficult or costly, and give
us humble hearts as we live and love, united under you.**

Words of Assurance

Teaching hymn 689: "Simply Trusting Every Day"

HEARING THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:105-112

Gloria Patri (sung# 594)

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

***Hymn 27: "As the Deer"**
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 8.1.1, 8.1.2, 8.1.4 (Discipleship)

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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

***Hymn 650: "He Leadeth Me"**

***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 lemonade after the service—hosted by **The Guild** this week and by **AMS** next week.

Announcements:

- We warmly welcome **Diane Laaksonen**, who is stepping into the role of **Office Administrator** here at Iona.