

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 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!

August 2, 2026, 10:00 am

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Greeting Elder: Waneta Holmes

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Prelude: (Time for prayer and silent reflection)

(Please stand, if able, as the worship leader enters)

***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 #78:** "This is the Day" verses 1 and 3

***Call to Worship:**

We gather today to call upon God –

Incline your ear to us, Lord, hear our words.

We seek to follow where God leads –

Keep us on your path, Lord, guide our steps.

We look to God for our redemption –

Show us your steadfast love, Lord;

let us behold you in righteousness.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

***Hymn #330:** "O God, our help in ages past"

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Incline your ear to us, O God,

as we gather to lift up our hearts in praise to you.

We know you are slow to anger, great in mercy,

and your steadfast love endures forever.

Try our hearts that we might be pleasing to you.

Send your Spirit to be in and among us so that we might discern your will and know your peace.

We ask these things in the sure and certain knowledge of our forgiveness and belovedness,

and in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Teaching hymn #349: "Our hope is built on nothing less"

HEARING THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 32: 22-31

Responsive Reading: Psalm 17: 1-7, 15

Gloria Patri (sung #594)

Second Reading: Romans 9: 1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21

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

***Hymn #663:** "God whose giving knows no ending"

Sermon

Music for Reflection

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering followed by The Doxology (sung #830)

***Affirmation of Faith:** Living Faith 9.1.1 - 9.1.3 (Our Mission)

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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

***Hymn #471:** "We are one in the Spirit"

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen**

Postlude

*** Please stand if able**

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

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Join us for lemonade after the service—hosted by **Operations** this week and by **Outreach & Service** next week.

Announcements:

- Welcome and thank you to Rev. Karen Russell for leading our worship today.