

## WELCOME TO IONA

*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 30, 2026**

**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

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*(\*Indicates please stand as able)*

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

**\*Call to Worship:**

Give thanks to God and tell of God's gifts.

**We will sing praises for all that God has done.**

Let your hearts be joyful!

**We will seek God's presence continually.**

Call to mind God's wonderful works.

**We will always remember the blessings of God and glorify God forever!**

**\*Hymn #510:** "Deep in the shadows of the past"

## Prayer of Adoration and Confession

God who creates, liberates, and heals:

You are the God of our ancestors,

and you watch over our descendants.

You take the oppressed of this world under your wing,

just as you see each one of us through our struggles.

You rejoice and weep with us all,

inspiring us to love one another,

to give of what we have,

to celebrate your goodness,

and to come together when there is sorrow.

You are the Great Mystery,

who shows us that in every ending is a new start,

and that what this world calls failure

may in fact be the beginning of true victory

over the powers and principalities that pale before you.

So blessed are you, O God who sets us free;

forever and ever. Amen.

**O God, in a world that pressures us to fit its mold,**

**you call us into the fullest potential of your abundant life.**

**Yet we confess that still we mute our true colours for those around us.**

**Forgive us, O God;**

**help us to cast off the mask of our false selves, so that,**

**crucified with Christ, we may rise in the glory of your truth. Amen**

## Words of Assurance

**\*Teaching hymn #475:** "I am the church! You are the church!"

## HEARING THE WORD

**First Reading:** Exodus 3:1-15 (Moses and the burning bush)

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

("O give thanks to the Lord...")

**Gloria Patri #594**

**Second Reading:** Romans 12: 9-21 (Advice to the persecuted)

**Gospel:** Matthew 16: 21-28 (Taking up the cross)

**One:** The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn #353:** "Hail, our once-rejected Jesus"

**Sermon**

**Music for Reflection**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Aug.30, 2026

### Offering\*\*

\*The Doxology #830

\*Affirmation of Faith: Living Faith 8.1.3, from "Discipleship"

\*Prayer of Dedication

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

\*Hymn #651: "Guide me, O thou great Redeemer!"

\*Commissioning and Benediction

\*Choral Amen

### Postlude

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*\*\*Offerings may also be given by e-transfer to [ionapc@eastlink.ca](mailto:ionapc@eastlink.ca) or by pre-authorized monthly deduction. Contact Perry Mason (902-499-0095).*

We are glad you have gathered to worship with us this morning.  
Everyone is invited to join us for lemonade on the lawn,  
hosted by **Session** this week and by **Hospitality & Community Life**  
next week.

### Announcements:

- **The Wed. morning craft group** will start up on Sept 23rd at 9:30 in the kitchen. All are welcome for tea, coffee, and conversation. Bring along your own craft items to work on.
- **Children Believe**  
We have a new sponsored child: 10-year-old **Amanu Molla** who lives in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.  
Our sponsorship is \$45 monthly, \$540/year, due at the end of October. If you would like to contribute to his sponsorship, please add your donation to Children Believe in your envelope. Thank you.