

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!

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International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

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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 the Lord – call on his name;

We will sing songs of praise

and tell of God's wonderful works!

Let your hearts rejoice and glory in his holy name;

We will remember God's wondrous works

and seek God's presence!

Let us worship the Lord our God.

***Hymn #685:** "How firm a foundation"

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Creator God, you spoke the universe into being and are the Lord of sea and sky. We gather today in your holy name

to lift our hearts and voices in praise of you. Your good work of creation is all around us, giving us food to sustain us, water to refresh us, and beauty to remind us of your love and care for all of creation – including us.

We confess today that we often find it easier to be afraid when the storms of life surround us. We fear, and in that fear, seek to take control of the storm, to fight against it. We forget that we belong to you, and you cast out our fear in love. Forgive us when our faith is small. Forgive us when we fear the storm. Forgive us when we fail to love as you love, fearlessly. In your great mercy, Lord, catch us when we fall. Reach out to us when we fall short, and anchor our soul and our hope in your steadfast love. AMEN

Words of Assurance

***Teaching hymn #670:** "Amazing Grace"

HEARING THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

Responsive Reading: Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b

Gloria Patri #594

Second Reading: Romans 10: 5-15

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn #699:** "All the way my Saviour leads me"

Sermon

Music for Reflection

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering

***The Doxology #830**

***Affirmation of Faith:** Living Faith 2.3.1 – 2.3.3 (Our Calling)

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

*Hymn #675: "Precious Lord, take my hand"

*Commissioning and Benediction

*Choral Amen

Postlude

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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 **Outreach & Service** this week and by **The Guild** next week.

Announcements:

- **Welcome back to the Rev. Karen Russell.** We thank her for leading our worship again today!
- **Children Believe**
It is time to remember our sponsored child through Children Believe. We have a new child. His name is **Amanu Molla**. He was 10 years old on April 5th. He has 1 brother and 3 sisters. He lives in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
Our sponsorship is \$45 monthly, \$540/year. Our bill will be 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 for your continued support in this outreach.