

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!

September 20, 2026

17th 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 #444:** "Sweet is the solemn voice" verses 1 and 2

***Call to Worship:**

Let us give thanks to God, who is good.

**We will call on God's name and
make known God's wonderful works.**

Let us seek the Lord continually.

We will watch and listen for signs of God's grace.

Together let us worship God.

We will rejoice in God's presence and praise God's holy name.

***Hymn #787 "The kingdom of God is justice and joy"(to tune 313)**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

God of all creation, you open the world around us and fill it with creatures of your love and purpose. The wonder of each creature declares your praise – the mountains state your majesty; the ripened field, your generosity; the oceans your power and the skies your grandeur. Birds sing of your freedom; the ant works with your persistence. We pray that our work will honour your justice and mercy, and our relationships speak of your love and compassion. So may we praise you, O God, not just in this hour of worship, but in all our waking and our working. May we live your praise and promise through Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and always. Amen.

God, you are the giver of all good gifts, yet our generosity is often limited. We complain about our circumstance. We compare ourselves to others and see what they have that we do not. We share some of what we have, but we worry about running short. Forgive us our jealousy and greed and give us generous hearts that trust in you day by day.

Words of Assurance

***Teaching hymn #641:** "One more step along the world I go"

HEARING THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus 16:2–15 (The people complain to Moses)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45 ("O give thanks to the Lord...")

Gloria Patri #594

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21–30 (Struggling for Christ)

Gospel: Matthew 20:1–16 (The labourers in the vineyard)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn 648 "I'm gonna live so God can use me"**

Sermon

Music for Reflection

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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Offering**

*The Doxology #830

*Affirmation of Faith: Living Faith 10.1, from "Our Hope in God"

*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 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 after the service for coffee, hosted
this week and next by **Session**.

Announcements:

- **The Wednesday morning craft group** starts **this week** at 9:30am in the kitchen. All are welcome for tea, coffee, and conversation. Bring along your own craft items to work on.
- **Thanksgiving Decorating** – by the Hospitality & Community Life will be Saturday, October 10th at 11:00 AM. Any donations of produce will be gratefully accepted. All donations will be taken to the Foodbank the following week. Thank you for your support.
- **Replanting of Iona's Garden:** new shrubs are needed. If you would like to donate one, perhaps in memory of a loved one, please contact Debbie Bourque at 902-223-7853.
- If you are using **Offering Envelopes**, please include your number.
- **Donations for our Children Believe sponsorship of Amanu Molla** of Ethiopia may be added to your envelope. Thank you.