

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 6, 2026

15th 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:**

Sing to God a new song.

We will worship God, our Maker!

Let us praise God with song and dance,

For God is gracious and loving!

Let us bring God glory and honour,

Praise the Lord.

***Hymn #478:** "To Abraham and Sarah"

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

God of grace and glory,
your creative power is beyond imagining,
your love is wider than the whole universe,
your mercy is beyond the highest heavens,
your wisdom is deeper than the seas.

Maker of all things,
you became one of us in Jesus Christ,
walking the roads we take each day,
experiencing the joys and frustrations of life in your world,
and preaching your reign in word and action.
Through your Spirit,
you are present with us in every time and place
to comfort and challenge us.
For all that you have been, are and will be,
we worship you as Creator, Christ, and Spirit,
now and always.

**God of majesty and mercy,
although Christ offers us peace,
we confess we are a people divided;
we harbour fears and jealousy
which set neighbour against neighbour,
group against group and
nation against nation.
Have mercy upon us, O God.
Set us free from our old ways
to serve you as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

Words of Assurance

***Teaching hymn #802:** "For the fruits of all creation"

HEARING THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus 12:1–14 (The first Passover)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 149 ("Sing to the Lord a new song")

Gloria Patri #594

Second Reading: Romans 13:8–14 (Love one another)

Gospel: Matthew 18:15–20 (Reproving one who offends)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn #763:** "To show by touch and word"

Sermon

Music for Reflection

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Sept. 6, 2026

Offering**

*The Doxology #830

*Affirmation of Faith: Living Faith 8.3.1 and 8.3.2, from "Love"

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

*Hymn #528: "Jesus calls us here to meet him"

*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 lemonade this week
and coffee next week, both hosted by **Hospitality & Community Life**.

Announcements:

- **AMS:** The September meeting will be held at Iona on Tuesday, September 8th at 1:30 pm. The word for roll call is *labour*, or *work*.
- The **funeral for Marg Scott** will be Saturday, September 12th at 11:30 am in St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lunenburg.
- **Session** will meet Monday, September 14th at 2:30 pm at Iona.
- **The Wednesday 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.
- If you are using **Offering Envelopes**, please include your number so that our envelope secretary can accurately maintain your giving information for tax receipt purposes.
- **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.