

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!



October 11, 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost
Thanksgiving Sunday

Ministry Candidate: Tamsin Moynihan-Robson

Music Ministry: Cathy Lee Holmes

Greeting Elder: Linda MacKinnon

*(*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:** He became poor that we may be rich,
loving the world and leaving his throne,
King of all kings and Lord of all lords,
flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone.

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***Call to Worship:**

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim God's handiwork.
The daylight exults with God's self-giving;
the dark of night whispers God's mercy.
God lives to create, and God's law is love;
Let us praise our Maker and Sustainer.

***Hymn:** "Come, ye thankful people, come"

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession

God of bounty and beauty: You ignited the Sun to warm this world;
you cause trees and plants to flourish;
you etch vast networks of roots and microbes into the soil,
and make the very land thick with life.
You show us the ways of kindness and goodness;
you are with us in our times of need;
you inspire us to justice, for cruelty is never of You.
As we set aside this day of thanks for the fruits of the land,
let us constantly remember your self-giving,
in the ordinary ways that you provide for us,
in the kindness that we show to one another,
and in the gift of your Son, who reveals your Way.
And so we praise you, Creator and Sustainer,
ever made manifest in the flourishing of our planet,
so that we may be united with you,
one God, now and forever.



**God, you have laid out a banquet for all humanity,
and your banner over your people is love.**

**Yet we confess that often we forget our gratitude,
preoccupied with our worries, our cares, or our goals.
Forgive us, and deliver us from all that eclipses You;
help us cast aside our idols and preoccupations,
that we may come anew to the table you have set. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

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

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HEARING THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus 32:1-14 (Moses and the golden calf)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 (Give thanks to the Lord)

Gloria Patri

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Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9 (Rejoice in the Lord always)

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 (Parable of the wedding banquet)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: "Give thanks, my soul, for harvest"

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Sermon

Music for Reflection

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering*

*The Doxology

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*Affirmation of Faith: *Living Faith 2.1.1 - 2.1.2*, God Creates & Rules

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (debtors/debtors)

*Hymn: "Now thank we all our God"

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*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 **Worship and Education**.

Announcements:

- **The Wednesday morning craft group** meets weekly at 9:30am, All are welcome for tea, coffee, and conversation. Bring along your own craft items to work on.
- **Guild meeting** this Wednesday, Oct 14th, at 11:30 am.
- **FLU SHOT CLINIC** Saturday, Nov. 14th, 9am – 1pm at Iona. To make an appointment call Christine at 902-434-9682 or email c-ba@live.ca. Just bring your MSI (health) card. Everyone Welcome!.
- **TAKE-AWAY TEA** Saturday, Nov. 28th 11:30am – 1:00 pm.
- **CHRISTMAS CAROL SING** Friday, Dec. 4th at 7:00-8:00 pm