

You are invited to share your joys and concerns with the congregation. Please place them in the prayer basket on the table to your right upon entering (prayer request slips are in the basket), or if online use Zoom Chat or Facebook Comments.

Please indicate if the request is not public (i.e., for the pastor alone). Your financial offerings can be placed in the offering box next to the Prayer basket. Restrooms are found behind the kitchen, to the right as you exit Fellowship Hall.



## Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church

Pastor – Rev. Diane Hoppe Hugo

*The mission of Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church is to be in partnership with God to transform ourselves, our communities, and our world.*

**Service for the Lord's Day ~ March 1, 2026**  
**Second Sunday in Lent ~ Our Theme is Wilderness**

**Welcome** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
*Let's practice our Lenten Assurance of Forgiveness verse "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"*

### Lighting of the Christ Candle & A Time of Silence

*We invite you to a time of silent meditation and companionship with God.*

### Call to Worship (*responsive*)

All are welcome here—

**The young and old, those who have visions and those who dream dreams.**

All are welcome here—

**The sinner and saint, those who seek forgiveness and those who long for peace.**

All are welcome here—

**The hurt and the doubting, those who know the wilderness and those who feel lost.**

All are welcome here; for you are loved by God, and this is God's house.

**Let us worship God. Amen.**

### Prelude

### Call to Reconciliation

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words:

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.*

*See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.*

We express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent confession.

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**God, we give you our hearts. They are brimming with doubt and are saturated with fear, but we give them to you anyway, for you promise to love us as we are. You promise to walk with us to the ends of the earth, so in this moment, we promise to tell the truth. God, you ask us to be brave and bold, but we cower in fear. You ask us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we hold tight to privilege and the status quo. And you ask us to risk it all to follow you, but we are content with the injustices at hand. Forgive us for our sin and lift our eyes to you. Lift our eyes to the hills. Gratefully we pray, . . . *Silence is held . . .* amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

God does not will us to be condemned, but that we be restored.

As we confess our sins with sincere intent to change, we are forgiven.

*(singing)* **Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;**

**Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.**

**I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.**

**In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

## Hymn for Illumination 322

*Spirit of the Living God*

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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**Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

## Scripture Lessons

**Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121 and John 3:1-17**

Come Holy Spirit *(silence is kept for reflection)*. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*The Wilderness of Not Knowing*

**Sharing Joys & Concerns** *(You are invited to pray with the congregation at 10:10 am or pm, any & every day)*

## Lenten Intercessions

*Jay Staples will lead us - when you hear the phrase: We answer this call in faith...*

please respond: **We place ourselves and this world in your care.**

**The Lord's Prayer: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## A Time of Offering

### Offering Prayer *(unison)*

**All we have is from you, O God. We give to you with grateful hearts, sacrificing what we can so that all may live. Take these offerings to be used for your purposes, as we watch in hope for your new creation. Amen**

## The Invitation to Communion

### Hymn of Preparation 503 *(please rise)*

*Come Risen Lord*

### Gathering at the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

...This is the new covenant, sealed in my blood. Do this in remembrance of me.

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

### **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

*The bread and cup will be brought to each worshipper. The bread is gluten free and only juice is served.  
Please pass the trays to your neighbor for you also serve them.*

*[as the bread is shared]* The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Thanks be to God.**

*[as the cup is shared]* The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Prayer after Communion** (*Unison*)

**Lord, you have fed us at your table. May the nourishment we have received  
enable us to enrich the lives of others wherever we may go from here.  
Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough,  
whether our cares be light or heavy, our song be strong or weak,  
keep our hearts warm, and our hands open,  
our lives embracing and ever embraced by your love. Amen.**

### **Hymn 360**

### *Hope of the World*

### **Charge to the Congregation & Benediction**

**God is Good—All the Time.**

**All the Time—God is Good.**

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