

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 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent ~ Our Theme is Wilderness

Welcome The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

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)*

Jesus met the blind man at the city gate.

Jesus met the crowds at the edge of the sea.

Jesus met the leper in his pain.

And Jesus met the Samaritan woman in her isolation.

So with confidence we declare—

Jesus meets us here.

For we too are the blind and the broken, the hurting and the bleeding.

Jesus meets our scars, our fears, our prayers, and our dreams.

So you are welcome here.

All are welcome here.

Let us worship Holy God.

Prelude

Call to Reconciliation

Exodus 17:4-7; Numbers 20:1-13

In spite of our quarrels and distrust, God provides grace to sustain us.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confession sins before God and one another.

Unison Prayer of Confession

John 4:5-24

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Christ the Lord, speaks to us words of grace.

As we confess our sins, they are washed away and forgotten.

Singing our verse for Lent follows

(singing) Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify,
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
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 of Praise 281 *(please rise)* *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)* *John 3:1-15*

God of signs and wonders, we come to your word again and again, seeking understanding and the new life it offers. By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds so that we may believe this testimony and have eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and Savior, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lessons Numbers 20:1-13 & John 4:5-24

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

Sermon *Unquenchable Thirst*

Hymn of Response 344 *(please rise)* *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

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

Lenten Intercessions 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

Hymn of Sending 466 *(please rise)* *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Charge to the Congregation & Benediction

God is Good—All the Time. All the Time—God is Good.

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