

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 15, 2026

Fourth 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*) From The Iona Community

The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

The highest in all creation lives among the least.

Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now all who thirst and are hungry.

The Good Shepherd gives us the water of life and fills us with good things.

Prelude

Hymn of Praise: #171

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Invitation to Confession: If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God is faithful and just to forgive all our sins. There is no sin so great that God cannot forgive.

Unison Prayer of Confession: Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. But we humbly confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to let him truly be the Lord of our lives. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may serve our Lord each day. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Please join in singing one verse of our Lenten response:

**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.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness: As far as the east is from the west, as far as the north is from the south, God has removed our transgressions from us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination *Unison:* O God, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Scripture Lessons

Esther 4:9-14 and Ephesians 6:10-17

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

Sermon

“For Such a Time as This”

Guest Preacher: The Reverend Bob Beringer

Hymn of Response #386 (*please rise*) *O For A World*

Affirmation Of Faith *unison*

From The Barmen Declaration, PCUSA Book of Confessions

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life.

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: God has abundantly blessed us and calls us as a community of faith to bless others.

Let us remember that it is more blessed to give than it is to receive

Prayer of Dedication: (*unison*) **Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving a portion of what you have given to us. Receive these gifts in the name of the One who gave his life for us. Amen.**

Hymn of Sending # 525 (*please rise*)

Here I Am, Lord

Charge to the Congregation & Benediction

God is Good—**All the Time.**

All the Time—**God is Good.**

Postlude

Let Us Go Forth in Joy to Serve Our Living Lord!

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