

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.

Note: wherever indicated “please rise” you may do so in body or in spirit.



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 29, 2026 The Wilderness Journey from Palms to Passion

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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.

Prelude

Introduction to Midrash and this Service

Call To Worship

As we prepare our hearts to hear God's word creatively proclaimed, please join me in our call to worship. On Palm Sunday so many years ago, the people saw Jesus and asked,

All: Who is this?

In worship, we respond. In worship, we declare:

All: Jesus is a miracle worker and healer.

Jesus is a teacher and preacher.

All: Jesus is our light in the darkness.

Jesus is our source of love.

All: Jesus is our path in the wilderness.

So may we lay down our hearts like they laid down their coats.

All: Let us worship Holy God.

Scripture Reading – Sunday - Matthew 21:1-11

Opening Litany *Who Is This Man with Such a Parade?*

. . . I heard he was born in a stable.

All: Who is this?

. . . Do you think Ceasar knows that a man from Nazareth has been welcomed with such a large parade?

All: Who is this?

. . . I heard he can save all of us. Who is this?

All: Who is this?

Palms Processional & Triumphal Entry *as we sing our first hymn, please rise and wave your palms*

Hymn 88 *(please rise)*

All Glory, Laud & Honor

Scripture Reading - Tables Turned - Matthew 21:12-13

Midrash on Monday

The Woman In The Temple

You will be invited to a prayer of confession by this reader saying: *Confess with me...*

ALL: God—for all the things we try to hide from you, forgive us. Amen.

Scripture Reading - Authority Questioned - Matthew 21:23

Midrash on Tuesday

A Pharisee

Scripture Reading - Anointed - Matthew 26:6-13

Midrash on Wednesday

The Woman with The Alabaster Jar

Lenten Hymn (Please remain seated) *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Joys and Concerns *Including an introduction to the One Great Hour of Sharing*

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Gracious God,

When we hide away our treasure in cupboards for ourselves—forgive us.

Inspire us to be as gracious as the woman with the alabaster jar.

Gratefully we pray, Amen.

Scripture Reading - Betrayal - Matthew 26:14-16

Midrash on Wednesday or was it Thursday? *Judas*

Scripture Reading - The Garden - Matthew 26:36-47

Midrash Thursday Night

A Disciple in The Garden of Gethsemane

Hymn of Response

What Wondrous Love is This"

Closing Litany

Who is He?

When you hear the words, *we want to know* All respond, **Who is he?**

Charge to the Congregation

Postlude and Benediction

Please stay for the Congregational Meeting which we will open with

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

And then, stay for the Potluck Meal that follows.

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Accompanist – Buckley Hugo

Please join us this Thursday for a Service based on the Seven Last Words from the Cross, April 2.