

Welcome! This is God's house, a place of peace where we enter as strangers and leave as friends. We are honored to have you in our midst and pray you will encounter God in this place. You are invited to share your joys/concerns by filling out a prayer request form (back of the sanctuary) and place it in the prayer basket. For online worshippers, please use Zoom Chat or Facebook Comments. Prayer requests will be included in the Sunday prayer email unless those marked for the Pastor alone. Financial offerings can be placed in the offering box at the back of the Sanctuary. Restrooms are near the kitchen, to the left as you exit the Sanctuary. Where you see "please rise" - do so in body and/or 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 ~ April 19, 2026

The Third Sunday in Eastertide

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*)

One: Friends, we gather this day to once again celebrate resurrection. God gives us new birth into a living hope.

All: **Death no longer has ultimate power over us, for Christ goes before us into the new life God offers.**

One: Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Let us open our hearts to the One who gives us life.

All: **Our hearts are glad and our spirits rejoice, for God shows us the path of life.**

One: God's promises are ancient and ever new. God is with us here, and on all the roads we travel throughout our lives.

All: **Together we lift our voices in songs of praise. Together we recognize the risen Christ in the breaking of bread, that we might receive Christ's Spirit for all our journeys.**

Prelude

Hymn #409 (*please rise*)

God is Here

Glory to God

Call to Reconciliation and Confession: adapted from Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice... So let us join together in our Prayer of Confession:

Holy and Gracious God, we repent and turn toward you. We confess we rush through our days often without recognizing your presence with us in Christ Jesus, especially through those most in need of your loving care. We follow our busy diversions, with little attention to your will for us. We strive for recognition, while you call us to humble obedience to justice, truth, and mutual love to all. Forgive our foolish ways. Redirect our waywardness that we might become forgiving. May we recognize our Risen Savior in broken bread shared, and may we be born anew through the Breath of your living Word. By your Holy Spirit we pray...

Silence is kept.

Assurance ...Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*).

Living God, you are the fire that burns within us. You open our hearts to your presence, revealed in word and song, in hospitality and friendship, in sacrament and silence. Open our minds so that we may recognize you in unexpected moments; may we know you and love you more than before we gathered in worship. And may that love burn bright as the sun cutting through the gloom of storms to inspire us with renewed hope and spirit. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

Luke 24: 13-35 (NRSV)

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

Sermon **'Burning Hearts' or 'Heart Burn'?** Guest Preacher the Reverend Don Bizer

Hymn #500 (*please rise*)

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread *Glory to God*

Affirmation of Faith (*unison*). A New Creed, *United Church of Canada, 1980*

Leader: We are not alone, we live in God's world

All: We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

We resolve to pray for each other, our community and our world at 10:10 am or pm – 10:10 being the time we worship on the Lord's Day. Join in us as you are able.

Prayers of the People ... 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.

Invitation to a Time of Offering and Dedication (*unison*) We give you thanks, Gracious God, for the privilege of joining with Christ in the proclamation of your love for all people. May the ministries we support serve to unify people across all differences building up the body of Christ and reaching out to the world with healing energy. Bless these gifts and all who give in any way to make your love known. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

Hymn #321 (*please rise*)

The Church's One Foundation *Glory to God*

Charge/Benediction God is Good-All the Time All the Time- God is Good

Postlude

Stay for coffee and let us get to know one another.

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