

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 26, 2026

The Fourth Sunday in Eastertide – Honoring the Gifts of Women, Presbyterian Women

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). Based on Psalm 84

O Lord, How lovely is thy dwelling place!

My soul longs for the courts of the Lord,

My heart sings for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home,

And the swallow a nest for herself.

Happy are those whose trust lies in you,

For the Lord God is a sun and a shield.

O Lord we come together to give you thanks and praise.

Prelude

Hymn #22 (please rise)

God of the Sparrow

Glory to God

Call to Reconciliation and Confession: Lord, without your grace we are a people who live in darkness. But through your grace we receive forgiveness when we confess our shortcomings. Let us join together in our confession...

We come together a people hungry for good news, but we often fail to trust in you when the chips are down. We come together to praise you, but we often forget we owe you more than praise. We come together to worship you, but we often forget to do what you require of us, “to do justice, love kindly and walk humbly with you.” Lord, hear our prayers...

Silence is kept.

Forgiveness: The Lord will not fail you or cause you to stumble. Believe in the good news of the gospel; **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Gloria Patri, (*please rise*) Traditional

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*). **Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word, that we may truly understand; and understanding, we may believe and believing, we may follow in faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 55:6-13 and Luke 2:21-32

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

Sermon:

“But who do you say that I Am?”
Readers’ Theater, written by Joanna Damon

Hymn #738 (*please rise*) ***O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*** *Glory to God*

Affirmation of Faith, Litany and Lord’s Prayer (*responsively*)

We believe in God the Father almighty, and in Jesus Christ his son Emmanuel, and in the Holy spirit with us always and we ask that our prayers will be blessed.

Leader: O Lord our God, we pray for the whole creation: may all things work together for good,

All: Lord, let the whole creation praise you!

Leader: We pray for peace in the world. Create good will among every race and nation.

All: O God, bring peace to our earth!

Leader: We pray for your church, that it may be true, glad and active doing your will.

All: O God, let the Church always be faithful!

Leader: We pray for families, for parents and children, that they enjoy each other,

All: O Lord, keep families in your love!

Leader: We pray for poor people, those who are hungry, those who are homeless. Increase in us, and all who prosper, concern for the disinherited.

All: O God, care for the poor.

Leader: We pray for sick people who suffer pain or struggle with mental illness.

All: **O God, heal the sick and troubled,**

Leader: We pray for the stranger and those who suffer because they are different,

All: **O Lord We pray for all those who are afraid and lonely.**

Leader: We Pray for women of faith who have followed you from the empty tomb to today's troubled world.

All: **O God bless the women and men who have kept faith with you**

Leader: We pray for people everywhere that they may come into their own as children of God. Hear our prayers, almighty God, as we pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying..

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.

Sharing our Joys, Concerns and Offerings (*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 #157 (*please rise*)

I Danced in the Morning

Glory to God

Charge: God is Good-**All the Time** All the Time- **God is Good**

Postlude

Benediction

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

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We are an Earth-care church so, after the service, unless you plan on taking your bulletin home or to share with others, please be so kind as to recycle your bulletin in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

The scriptures listed provided the source material for each woman's story.

Woman in the time of Isaiah (fictional) – Carlene Byron
Isaiah 9:1-8

Mary the Mother of Jesus – Balinda Washington
Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 2:22-38,
Luke 2:41-52, Mark 15: 33-40

Woman follower of John the Baptist (fictional) – Shirley Reese
John 1:19-34

Canaanite Woman – Marci Clark
Matthew 15:21-28

Martha – Debbie Patterson
John, Chapter 11

Mary Magdalene – Ruth
Luke 8:1-2, Luke 9:18-20, John 20: 1-18

Thank you to the women who prepared and led today's service of worship.

Next Sunday, May 3rd, we will celebrate the many gifts of music shared with Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church by **Becky Jordan**. Today is the last Sunday Becky will serve as a regular musician during worship. Plan to stay after worship next week and share your appreciation of her music with her. Thanks, the Worship Committee.