

*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 – May 10, 2026 – Sixth Sunday in Easter**

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*As we prepare for worship, we invite you to a time of quiet meditation and companionship with God.*

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

#### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

#### **Prelude**

#### **The Call to Worship** *(responsive)*

#### **Psalm 66:8-20**

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

**For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

**Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.**

#### **Hymn of Praise GTG 260** *(please rise)*

**"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"**

#### **The Invitation to Confession**

We are pilgrim people, charged to carry the Good News of God's Kingdom to all the earth, but we are also a bashful people, hesitant to tell the world about Jesus. Let us pray.

## The Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Gracious God, your Holy Spirit has reached out and touched our spirits, inviting us to follow the path blazed by your Son Jesus, and for this we thank you. But we have been timid pilgrims and cautious companions. We have delighted in the garden paths while avoiding the desert roads. We want your love for ourselves, but fear to speak of it to others. We have put ourselves first and forgotten others. Forgive us we pray, and grant us a new beginning, that we may walk with vision and courage all the roads you set before us. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness:** I have Good news! Though our sins are real, those who sincerely repent are forgiven. In Jesus Christ we are given the chance to renew our lives. Receive the Good News!

**For this, we praise the Lord!**

**Sung Response** *(please rise)*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

GTG 240, *refrain*

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## Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

God of light and life, open our eyes as well as our ears, so that we may not only hear your Word preached today but then see your Word lived out in our lives and in your world, through Christ, our Risen Lord, the light of the world. Amen.

## Scripture Lessons

Acts 17:22-31 & John 14:15-21

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

**Sermon** How Do You Command Someone to Love? *Rev. Howard (Skip) MacMullen, guest*

## Profession of the Church's Faith *(unison)* *The Apostles' Creed, P. 35, Glory to God*

**Hymn of Response** GTG 753, *(please rise)* "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

**Sharing Joys and Concerns, a Litany For Mothers' Day,**

*Prayers of the people and The Lord's Prayer, P. 35, Glory to God*

## A Time of Offering & Prayer of Dedication *(unison)*

Christ is Risen! Our hearts are full, our joy is boundless.

May this offering be a living message of peace, love, spirit, joy, and hope to this church, to this community, to this nation and the world. Amen

**Hymn of Sending** – GTG 33, *(please rise)* "Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show"

**Charge** God is Good—All the Time.

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## Postlude

## Benediction

*Worship is followed by refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall, please join us!!*

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## **Litany for Mothers' Day**

Leader: Holy God, we praise you for the gift of mothers through whom you give us life.

**People: We thank you for their willingness to nurture us, for their trust in you to guide them through the labor of childbirth, the uncertainties of youth, the letting go of young adulthood.**

Leader: We thank you for all those women who did not give us birth, but through whom you give us abundant life:

**People: We thank you for teachers, aunts, grandmothers, sisters, elders, and friends who share wisdom.**

Leader: We ask your mercy on all those women who have joined God in Heaven and for those whose tears are not yet dry.

**People: Grant them your peace, which passes understanding.**

Leader: We pray for those who are alienated from their mothers by harsh words, distance, or misunderstanding.

**People: Grant them your grace to forgive and to love again.**

Leader: We pray for mothers whose sons and daughters serve and protect us as firefighters, officers of the law, and in the military.

**People: Grant them confidence in your presence with their children.**

**All: We thank you, God, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen**

