

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 17, 2026 – Seventh Sunday in Easter

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

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*)

Here in this place, there are no foreigners,

For all are welcome in God's house.

Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,

For love is the language of faith.

Here in our lives, there are no divisions,

For God dwells in each of us.

Come, let us worship in unity and love.

Hymn of Praise GTG 301 (*please rise*)

"Let Us Build a House Where Love Can Dwell"

The Invitation to Confession: When we seek God's mercy, we draw close to this mystery of faith: God's love cannot be undone by our sin. Trusting that God is love, let us offer to God the truth of our lives. Let us pray.

The Prayer of Confession (*unison*). **O God, we long to co-create with you the Beloved Community by working for the common good, by ensuring privilege is shared equally, and by creating a society that celebrates the humanity and gifts of all. Yet we focus on our differences and envy each other's gifts. We allow the voices of neighbors who do not look like us, love like us, or worship like us to be silenced. Or we keep silent ourselves in the face of their struggle for full human life. Have mercy on us. Forgive us when we give in to discouragement or bitterness, when the work of peace and justice overwhelms us, when we begin to believe that building the Beloved Community seems impossible, when we grow weary. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer and call us back into right relationship with You and with our neighbors.** *Silent Prayer*

Assurance of Forgiveness: Friends, God is not done with us, not by a long shot. You are more beloved than you can ever know, and God is working in you and in the world beyond our wildest imagining. The beginning of all that is forgiveness. So know that you are indeed forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

Sung Response (*please rise*)

Alleluia! Alleluia!

GTG 240, refrain

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to God's Name.

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Prayer of Illumination: Wise God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word. By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit may your word read and expanded in sermon come alive in us, that we may walk the path of faith inspired by your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen

Scripture Lessons Deuteronomy 10:17-19 & 1 Corinthians 1:10

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

Sermon "A priest, a rabbi, and a minister walk into a...". Guest Preacher Rev. Jane Field

Profession of the Church's Faith (*unison*) *The Brief Statement of Faith, sections 4-6, GTG p. 38*

Hymn of Response GTG 379

"We shall overcome"

Sharing Joys and Concerns

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

Reflection of our offerings, Minute for Mission: Kairos Prison Ministry, Patti Hackett from Maine State Correctional Center

Prayer of Dedication (*unison*) **God, we look at our humble offerings and we think they might not change the world today. But our offerings help us remember that you are generous; that when we give our money, we're giving ourselves; that you working in us *does* change the world and lets a little bit more of your kin-dom come on earth as it is in heaven. May it be so, through the offering of these gifts and the offering of our lives. Amen.**

Hymn of Sending – GTG 79,

"Light dawns on a weary world"

Charge God is Good—**All the Time.**

All the Time—God is Good.

Postlude

Benediction

Worship is followed by refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall, please join us and learn more about Kairos !!

Remember Next Sunday is Pentecost – Let's celebrate by wearing colors of fire: red, orange, yellow

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