

Service for the Lord's Day on Pentecost May 24, 2026

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.*

- Today's worship service is based upon a Liturgy by Rev. Adrian White | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org | *Special Sundays - Pentecost*
- Profession of the Church's Faith was adapted from *The Belhar Confession, Book of Confessions (PCUSA), 2016, and written by Barbara Hedges-Goettl. Used with permission.* It was originally found at <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/constitutional-services/belhar/>
- Below is a meditation which will be used during the Time for Offering.

**A Blessing for the Seekers** by the Reverend Sarah Speed

Blessed are you who turn your face up to the sky,  
 who open your arms to feel the wind,  
 who notice all the things that we should notice.

Blessed are you who are fluent in wonder  
 and familiar with awe.

Blessed are you who, even now, dream dreams,  
 who have not lost hope,  
 who swear the glass is still half-full.

Blessed are you who plant trees  
 and sing the harmony,  
 who tell the children how this world can be magic.

Blessed are you who  
 walk and seek  
 and turn over every stone,  
 pointing out all the corners and colors  
 that God lives in.

Blessed are you.

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*We are an Earth-care church so, 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!*

On the cover: After over a year worshipping apart and only via online streaming, during the difficult time of the Covid 19 Pandemic 2020-2021, for Pentecost 2021- the congregation of MCPC was invited to share 3 words that they thought described Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church. Those words created our Pentecost Cross seen on the cover of this Order for Sunday service, Pentecost 2026.



We are so glad you are here. We are honored to have you in our midst and pray you will know God's presence 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.

**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.*

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

As we gather together in this place, let us strain our ears to hear the rush of wind,  
the crackle pop of fire.

**We listen for your call, God of spirit and flame.**

**We take our place in your unfolding creation.**

Rejoice, for God's spirit flows among us! Rejoice, for today the church embraces transformation.

**In the midst of rebirth, we join our voices in praise! Let us worship God.**

### **Hymn of Praise** GTG 289 *(please rise)*

### **On Pentecost They Gathered**

**The Invitation to Confession:** Through confession, we have the opportunity to turn our bodies to God and, as one body, name the actions and inactions that separate us from God and one another. Let us lift our hearts and voices together in prayer.

### **The Prayer of Confession** *(unison).*

**God, you invite us to wonder. We confess that we find more comfort in the mundane.**

**We lean into the familiar and treat *the amazing* as suspicious or even threatening.**

**We long for a routine to keep us safe from pain, and we're willing to give up joy in**

**exchange. Reshape our hearts for possibility, O God. Awaken our senses to your**

**wondrous work in the world and give us the courage, and will, to follow you.**

*followed by a time of silence*

### **Assurance of Forgiveness:**

*From Psalm 104, verses 24, 28, and 30*

The psalmist writes,

"O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures. When you give to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the ground."

**It is through this same creative, renewing Spirit that we experience God's grace.**

**Let us believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

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

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**GTG 240, refrain**

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**Prayer of Illumination:**

**God of all creation, you Holy Spirit shows up in mysterious ways -  
like a holy flame it warms and purifies us; like a might wind it moves us.  
We ask now to be brought together like hands clasped together  
so that we may remember the way in which Your Son called us into unity  
with one another. We pray for clear minds and focused hearts so that we  
may hear the words of scripture today and be receptive to the way in which  
You speak to us this very day. Amen.**

**Scripture Lesson**

*Leviticus 23:15-22, Psalm 104: 9-10, 15-22, and Acts 2:1-21*

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

**Sermon**

*Pentecost: When Boundaries Were Broken*

**Profession of the Church's Faith** (*unison*)

*adapted from The Belhar Confession which was added to the Book of Confessions (PCUSA) in 2016.*

**Together we confess that God unites us in faith. Together we come to know the height,  
and the breadth, and the depth of the love of Christ. Together we are built up to  
the full stature of Christ. Together we know and bear one another's burdens.**

**We admonish one another. We comfort one another. We suffer with one another.**

**We need one another. We build up one another.**

**Together we pray. Together we serve God in this world.**

**Together we fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn of Response** GTG 282 (*please rise*)

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** (*page 35 in the Glory to God hymnal*)

**A Time for Offering** *Let us contemplate our offerings as we listen to A Blessing for the Seekers*

**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 your generosity and that when  
we give our money and our time, we are giving our very selves. May we remember  
that you working in us *does* change the world and allows a little bit more of your  
kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. May it be so, through today's offerings  
and the offering of our lives. Amen.**

**Hymn of Sending** (*please rise*)

*Impartial, Compassionate God of All Lives*

Tune: St. Denio

**Charge to the Congregation & Benediction**

**God is Good—All the Time.**

**All the Time—God is Good.**

**Postlude**

*Worship is followed by refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall  
Stay for coffee and let us get to know one another.*