

Welcome! We are glad you are here. You may share your joys/concerns by filling out a prayer request form and placing it in the prayer basket in the back of the sanctuary. For online worshippers, please use Zoom Chat or Facebook Comments. Prayer requests will be included in the Sunday prayer email unless 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" – please 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 ~ June 28, 2026

The Season of Pentecost – Ordinary Time 14

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 reflection and companionship with God.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Loving God, we come to you in worship and thanksgiving. You are greater than we can understand;
open our eyes that we may see the wonderful truths you have shown to us in Jesus.

You are more loving than our hearts can respond to;

help us to give ourselves to you in worship so that we learn what you want us to be.

You are wiser than we can know;

still our minds as we worship you

so that we can understand the things you are saying to us.

Loving God, in Jesus you chose to come to the world in humility.

You chose the path the world saw as foolish. You used what the world considered weak.

We worship and adore you. Amen.

Hymn of Praise GTG 32 *(Please rise)* ***I Sing the Mighty Power of God***

Call to Confession

*Life is hard when we live under the yoke we place on ourselves through our insecurity and pride,
through our fear and unbelief, through our denial and stagnation.*

In this time, we are offered a chance to be set free, if we are willing.

Let us take a few moments to reflect on how we have failed to fully live out Christ's love.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, forgive us when we turn a deaf ear to your call in Jesus Christ and to the cries of those in the world who need your love and our help.

Forgive us when we treat discipleship as a yoke of oppression rather than a blessing and gift for leading a faithful life as your people. O Lord, forgive our sin.

Help us to know and love you with all that we are that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We pray for the strength of your Holy Spirit to equip us for our calling as followers of Jesus Christ, in whom we have our hope and put our trust. Amen.

Assurance Of Pardon

The apostle Paul wrote this to the believers in Galatia,

“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become servants to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel,

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Hymn no. 447 GTG (*Please rise*)

We Are Forgiven

We Are forgiven. We Are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We Are forgiven. We Are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Matthew 11:16-19

Merciful God, in this moment of stillness, wash us clean of our presumptions.

Receive us as your weary children. Then, by the power of your Spirit, bless us

with a word that revives, for we pray in the name of Jesus, your living Word. Amen.

First Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-12

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

Responsive Psalm

Psalms 145:8-14

NRSVUE and The Contemporary English Version

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

You are merciful, Lord! You are kind and patient and always loving.

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

You are good to everyone, and you take care of all your creation.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

All creation will thank you, and your loyal people will praise you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

They will tell about your marvelous kingdom and your power.

to make known to all people your mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Then everyone will know about the mighty things you do and your glorious kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Your kingdom will never end, and you will rule forever.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds.

Our Lord, you keep your word and do everything you say.

The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

When someone stumbles or falls, you give a helping hand.

And let all God's people say,

Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 11: 11:16-19, 25-30

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

Sermon

The Yoke of Christ

Confession of Faith

Confession of 1967 [9.16-17]

We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of his dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects *to the eye of faith* the majesty and mystery of its Creator. We believe that God has created us for personal relationship in which we may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. *Amen.*

Hymn no. 34 GTG (*Please rise*) *This is My Song*

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 whenever you can remember to do so.
The Prayers of the People will be included in the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving at the Lord's Table.*

Invitation to a Time of Offering and Dedication

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.

Gathering at the Lord's Table

Invitation to The Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty God, Creator of the universe, Ruler of all nations, Judge of all flesh,
...as we join with your people in every land on earth and with all the company of heaven
in your unceasing praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Above all we give you thanks for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ...

... all of these prayers we gather and offer up to you on the prayer our Lord taught us to say together:
**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.**

The Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The bread and cup will be brought to each worshipper. The bread is gluten free and only juice is served.

Please pass the trays to your neighbor for you also serve them.

[as the bread is shared] The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Thanks be to God.**

[as the cup is shared] The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Gracious God, we thank you for the love that brings us food from heaven, gives us the life of your dear Son, and assures us that we belong to the company of all his faithful people in heaven and on earth. Grant that, strengthened by this fellowship and by the power of his Holy Spirit, we may continue his work in the world, until we come to the glory of your eternal kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn no. 24 GTG *(Please rise)*

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Charge to the Congregation & 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.

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!

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*I cannot live abundantly without this community,
God's church, where turning to one another and working
and rejoicing with one another is a way of life.*

*A way of life God chose for us, a gift God gave us, a mission that we share;
A mission that cuts across barriers, racial and cultural, national and international;
A mission that unites local and regional, men and women, young and old.*

I celebrate this way of life that takes me and mine from the center of things and focuses on ours and theirs.

I celebrate the trust we hold, the spirit we share, the attitude of partnership.

I celebrate that love lives among us,

That God's spirit pervades our being, our community.

I see God's face within the lives of these celebrants,

I hear God's voice in the vision of men and women who call us to a better way, a higher hope.

Ann Weems, Reaching for Rainbows