

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 ~ July 12, 2026

The Season of Pentecost – Ordinary Time 15

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 (responsive)

All creation sings this day –

Waves resound in praise;

Trees sway with joy;

Flowers bloom with laughter.

All creation shouts for joy,

Hearts are saying “yes” to God,

And the community of faith is expanding its circle.

All creation rejoices –

Sun glows with heavenly light;

Wind whispers prayers of thanks;

Earth warms to bring forth its delights,

And we join the chorus of saints and stars in praising God.

Hymn of Praise GTG 410 *(Please rise)* ***God is Calling Through the Whisper***

Call to Reconciliation

*Unlike ours, God's anger does not last. God's grace and forgiveness are for us,
not just in this moment, but forever. How can we not want to confess
to the One who is ready to heal us? Please join me as we pray, saying,*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Creating God, you bless us with life in each new day; you fill our days with sunshine and joy. Yet we confess that we are more often inclined to notice the clouds and the disappointments. We let the gray skies move inside our souls and block out the rays of your grace. We let rain dampen our spirits and spoil your parade of blessings. We give in to external circumstances and blot out the inner radiance of your life that forever seeks to warm and cheer us. Forgive us, O God, forgive us. Amen.

Assurance Of Pardon

Let God open your eyes to see beauty in all things. Let God open your ears to hear words of forgiveness and to hear God call us by name. Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life with God and all people.

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*)

Almighty God, you have spoken to us through your Son. Let your written word now be spoken and heard by each of us. Give us ears to hear and hearts to understand and may we not refuse your calling or ignore your voice. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 55:10-13

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

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 65:1-3, 9-13

The Voice Translation and NRSVUE

All will stand in awe to praise You. Praise will sweep through Zion, the Sacred City, O God. Solemn vows uttered to You will now be performed.

You hear us pray in words and silence; all humanity comes into Your presence.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our sins, restoring as only You can.

You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it. The river of God is full of water.

You have provided the people with grain, by preparing the land.

You water its furrows abundantly, smoothing soil's ridges, softening with showers and blessing its growth. You crown the year with Your bounty; the paths worn down by carts overflow with unstoppable growth.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy;

The meadows cloth themselves with flocks;

the valleys deck themselves with grain.

And the land shouts and sings in joyous celebration.

And let all God's people say, **Amen.**

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

Confession of Faith*Confession of 1967 [9.31 &.38]*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of their witness in each particular situation. Each member is entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and is subject to its advice and correction. Each one in turn, in their own competence, helps to guide the church.

Hymn no. 684 GTG *(Please rise)**Faith Begins by Letting Go***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.*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer, P. 35, Glory to God**Invitation to a Time of Offering and Dedication**

Good and holy God, for your steadfast love and faithfulness we give you thanks and bless your name. Let our whole lives become songs of gratitude, joy, and praise so that all the earth may know that we are your people and you are our God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn no. 774 GTG *(Please rise)**There is Now a New Creation***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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