

Welcome! We are glad you are here. Please 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 service and email unless marked for the Pastor alone. Financial offerings may be placed in the offering box at the back of the sanctuary. Restrooms are located 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 19, 2026

Season of Pentecost – Ordinary Time

Lighting of the Christ Candle & A Time of Silence

Let us enter, together, into a time of silent reflection and companionship with God.

Prelude

Call to Worship *(responsive)*

Surely the Lord is in this place, and we did not know it.

We do not know when and where God's glorious presence will show up.

Surely we are the Body of Christ.

We cannot say to one another, “I have no need of you.”

Surely our God is a mystery that cannot be contained.

Let us worship our God whose purposes reach beyond our imagination!

Hymn of Praise GTG #647 *(Please rise)* Give Thanks

Call to Confession:

Unison Prayer of Confession: *based on Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24*

Lord, you have searched us and found us wanting. You have known our inmost thoughts and called us to better things. You have gathered us in this world to love and serve you by loving and serving one another, to worship you by tending to those most vulnerable among us. When we fail, do not abandon us. When we go astray, call us back home. Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and refine our thoughts. Root out the wicked ways surrounding us and lead us in mercy, that as your church we might extend your redemptive purpose. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel,

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Hymn # 447 GTG *(Please rise)*

We Are Forgiven

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

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Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Spirit who claims us and makes us your own, join us as we come to the Scriptures today. Reveal to us your Word within the words, that we might see Jesus, learn his way and more closely follow him. Amen.

First Lesson: Genesis 28: 10-19

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

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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Sermon

Mercy, Messes, and Meaning

The Reverend Kay E. Huggins, Retired

Confession of Faith *from the Second Helvetic Confession, PCUSA Constitution Part I, Book of Confessions*

The Church is an assembly of the faithful, called or gathered out of the world.

They are all citizens of the one city, living under the same Lord, under the same laws, and in the same fellowship with all good things.

Those who are in the Church have one faith and one spirit; they worship one God, and in God alone they worship in spirit and truth. Hence, we must be very careful not to judge before the time, nor undertake to exclude, reject, or cut off those whom the Lord does not want to have excluded or rejected, and those whom we cannot eliminate without loss to the Church.

Hymn #415 GTG (*Please rise*) *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns *We resolve to pray for each other, our community and world at 10:10 am/pm – 10:10 being the time we worship on the Lord's Day; join as you are able.*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer, P. 35, Glory to God, using "debts/debtors"

Invitation to a Time of Offering and Dedication: Gracious God, you have sown good seed among us. Receive now the harvest of what you have planted, the good gifts of our lives, time and resources, to further the purposes of your heavenly realm on earth. Amen.

Hymn #401 GTG (*Please rise*) *Here in This Place*

Charge to the Congregation: God is Good—All the Time. All the Time—God is Good.

Postlude and Benediction

*Stay for coffee, share and receive more Spirit-nurture, before you leave this place.
We are an Earth-care church so, unless you plan on taking your bulletin home or to share with others,
please recycle your bulletin in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!*

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