

Welcome! We are glad you are here. Please share your joys/concerns by filling out a prayer request 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 26, 2026 The Season of Pentecost – Ordinary Time 17

Welcome The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle & A Time of Silence

Prelude

Call to Worship (responsive)

based on Romans 8:28, 34-39

Brothers and Sisters: Who can separate us from the love of Christ?

Can trouble or hard times or harm or hunger? Can nakedness or danger or war?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.

As we gather for worship, let us recall together that

“neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to God's purpose. Let us worship in thanks and praise.

Hymn of Praise GTG 20 (Please rise) *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

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

Sovereign God, we have been so busy with our own pursuits that we have not noticed the treasure hidden in our midst. We have not learned to value things by your standards. We are quick to give up on you and ourselves, quick to judge and condemn. We are content to live in the ruts of life, rather than climb the mountains of new possibilities. Help us now to face our sins and recognize the evil within. Then, by your grace, forgive us, expand our vision, and grant us fresh opportunities to serve your purpose. *Silence is kept and ends with the liturgist saying "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 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*)

We seek to understand your will, O God and to know what is so valuable in life that it is worth all we have and all we are. Grant us discernment to see you at work for good even when events around us seem evil. Nourish us with your word and set us free to rejoice in Christ's way. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

Lessons from the Epistles & Psalms *Romans 8:26-39 Psalm 119:129-136*

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Sermon

More Than Meets The Eye

Hymn of Response 171 GTG (*Please rise*)

A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

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.*

Welcoming Our Newest Members Jay Staples and Jana & Mike Voigt

Clerk: Do the members of this congregation agree to welcome Jay, Jana, and Mike into our fellowship and will you stand by them, support them, and love them as members of the body of Christ?

Congregation: **We will.**

Clerk: Please join me in the words of welcome, **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in Him. Joyfully we receive you and we promise you our love, encouragement, and prayers.**

Affirmation of Faith

Brief Statement of Faith 11.1

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. *Followed by a pastoral prayer.*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (*Words to the Lord's Prayer found on page 35 in the hymnal, GTG*)

Invitation to a Time of Offering and Dedication

We bring no fine pearls or costly treasure to share with the world. But what we bring, we dedicate to you. You have given us assurance of your abiding presence and called each one of us to follow. Trusting your will for our lives and seeking your kingdom, we ask that you would multiply our offerings. Please bless these offerings, those who bring them, and every effort these offerings support. All of this we pray in Jesus' name, amen.

Hymn of Sending 714 GTG (*Please rise*)

God of the Fertile Fields

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.*

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