

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 wooden 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 ~ August 9, 2026 ~ Ordinary Time 19

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)

We come to worship God in our need,
bringing with us the needs of the world.

We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,
and who knows by experience what human life is like.

We come with our faith and with our doubts,
we come with our hopes and with our fears.

O God, who created us in love,
create us anew in love as we worship You. Amen.

Hymn of Praise GTG 403 *(Please rise)* **Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**

Call to Reconciliation *The psalmist tells us that when we turn to God in our hearts, God speaks peace to the faithful. As we turn to God in true confession, we trust in God, whose shalom makes us whole. Please join me as we pray, saying,*

Unison Prayer of Confession *(inspired by Mark 4:35-41)*

Lord God of all Creation we come to You from our storm-tossed lives to seek Your peace; we come to You with our questions and uncertainties, our worries and anxieties, we come to You knowing that sometimes we have received Your grace in vain. We have not relied on Your word or wisdom; we have not shown any concern or compassion when we should have; we have not loved our neighbor as we love ourselves. We have remained silent when we should have spoken and spoken when we should have been silent. We seize this moment to ask You, from our contradictory lives, for yet another chance of hearing You say to us 'Your sins are forgiven'. Eternal God, we ask that You accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who calmed the storm with words which still echo down the centuries, 'Peace be still'. Amen. *A time of silence is kept.*

Assurance Of Pardon

Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, restores all through our Lord Jesus Christ. May the grace we receive be reflected in what we say and what we do enabling those around us to glimpse the life of Jesus Christ our Lord whom we seek to follow. 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.

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

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Creator God, You have told us that the darkness of ignorance and doubt cannot overcome Your life-giving Word. May Your Holy Spirit, who first inspired these words of Scripture, shine Your light and once again awaken us to the hearing and living of this radiant truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Scripture Lessons

Job 9:1-12 & Matthew 12:22-33

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

Sermon

On the Edge of Chaos

Affirmation of Faith

Brief Statement of Faith 11.4-6

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of Response 815 GTG (*Please rise*)

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

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 whenever you can remember to do so.

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

Gracious God, You call us to let go of the things we cling to and step out in faith, trusting in Your love and provision. Give us courage to step out boldly, and sufficient faith to follow without fear. Take our lives and our offerings. Use them to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine, so that, through us, Your kingdom might come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Hymn of Sending 691 GTG (*Please rise*)

Lord When I Came into This Life

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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