

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 23, 2026 ~ Ordinary Time 21

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 407 *(Please rise)* **Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers**

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

Loving God, You are Sovereign over all our days. When the winds of faith blow strong and our spirits are invigorated, You are with us. When the burdens of life seem oppressive as hot humid air and our spirits become listless, You are still present. When a turbulence of confusion or pain storms within us, You are there. Forgive us when we neglect to acknowledge or to rely upon Your steadfast love. Our excuses are many. Sometimes we do not want to see You (or be seen by You). At other times we try stubbornly to do without You. Sometimes we lock You in the past as if Your best efforts were concluded long ago. At other times we put You off until tomorrow. Great God, forgive us these sins and the ones we now confess silently... 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*)

**Living God, help us so to hear Your holy Word that we may truly understand;
that understanding, we may believe, and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness
and obedience, to the glory of Your name in all that we do; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 78:1-20 & Matthew 15:21-28

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

Sermon

Is That Your Final Answer?

Affirmation of Faith

Brief Statement of Faith 11.2,6

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word
and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering
the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised
this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.***

Hymn of Response 727 GTG (*Please rise*)

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (The Servant 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 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 837 GTG (*Please rise*)

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

(Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)

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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