

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.
Today we are using the Blue Presbyterian Hymnal and Large Print Editions are available in the back of the Sanctuary.



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Today's Liturgy – Deb Patterson & Accompanist – Buckley Hugo

Service for the Lord's Day ~ August 30, 2026

The Season of Pentecost ~ Ordinary Time 22A

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

Responsive Call to Worship

We have entered a sacred space, dear God.

This is a place where death is overcome by resurrection

and the pain of living is turned into redemption;

where sin is erased by grace,

conceit overcome by humility and despair replaced with hope.

We are here and await Your touch again.

May we experience a touch of encounter, a touch of awakening,

and a touch of excitement about a bright future.

May we also reach out to You with joy and celebration,

praise and thanksgiving,

– touching heaven with our prayers.

Come gracious and loving God.

Bless our time together, we pray;

open now the windows of our souls and enter in.

Hymn of Praise Blue 130 *(Please rise)* **Let Every Christian Pray**

Call to Reconciliation

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

Responsive Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret, **forgive us;**

for the things we have failed to do that we regret, **forgive us;**

for all the times we have acted without love, **forgive us;**

for all the times we have reacted without thought, **forgive us;**

for all the times we have withdrawn care, **forgive us;**

for all the times we have failed to forgive, forgive us.

For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,

God of all time, forgive us and help us to lay down our burden of regret. Amen.

Assurance Of Pardon

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel, **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Hymn Blue 577 *(Please rise)*

Glory Be to the Father

**Glory Be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Enable us to respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

Selected verses from Romans 12 and Matthew 16

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

Sermon

Peter's Heartbreak

Affirmation of Faith

The Confession of 1967, 9.19 & 9.22

The Spirit brings God's forgiveness to the people, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides [us] in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips [us] for their ministries.

Hymn of Response Blue 436 *(Please rise)*

We Are Your People

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.*

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

In deep gratitude for all that You have done for us, we offer ourselves and our gifts to You - living sacrifices of worship and praise. Transform our hearts and minds from the inside out; show us what is good and pleasing in Your sight, so that we may be quick to recognize Your call, and quick to respond. In the name of Jesus, our Messiah and Lord, Amen.

Hymn of Sending Blue 433 *(Please rise)*

There's A Spirit in the Air

Charge to the Congregation & Benediction

God is Good—All the Time. All the Time—God is Good.

Postlude

Please stay for coffee and let us get to know one another.

*The mission of Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church is to be in partnership
with God to transform ourselves, our communities, and our world.*

*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!*