

Welcome! We are glad you are here. You are invited to share your joys and concerns with the congregation. At the back of the sanctuary, you will find a prayer request form to fill out and place 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 – September 6, 2026 – Christian Vocation Sunday

Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. Thomas Merton

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

Introduction to Christian Vocation Sunday 2026

Call to Worship *(responsive)*

Inspired by Romans 12:2, John 17:14-19 / Rev Gord on his blog, Worship Offerings

We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,

and so we mix our worship and our work, our faith and our life.

We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,

we gather as people who have been called to see the world from a different viewpoint.

God has called us together, God has called us to be part of a community.

God challenges us to consider questions of priority as we engage with the world.

In this time together,

may God open our hearts, minds and eyes,

allowing us to see deeper, helping us to live in the world,

while still offering a challenge to the ways of the world. Come let us worship the Lord!

Hymn of Praise GTG 26 *(please rise)*

Earth and All Stars

Invitation to a Time of Confession

When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to God's.

Accepting God's power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession *(responsive)*

God of creation, we confess that we sometimes complain too much about the burden of good work or the tedium of it. We complain about not being appreciated for what we do or paid what we feel we deserve.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess that at times we are blind to the importance of others' work and their investment in our comfort. We do not honor and respect those who labor for our benefit. We take them, and the work, they do for granted.

Lord, forgive our negligence.

We confess that we sometimes do our work half-heartedly. We fuss about whose task is more important, and we bring negative thoughts and resentful actions into our places of work: our home, our church, our school, the marketplace, and our volunteer assignments.

Lord, take away our sins.

We confess that sometimes we take our ability to work, *and the freedom to work as we choose*, for granted. We label our jobs as burdens and forget the privilege of having a job.

Lord, change our hearts and minds.

We confess that sometimes we use work as an idol or an escape. We give first priority to what is urgent and neglect what is important. We struggle with competing agendas.

Lord, help us put first things first. God, hear our prayers.

Assurance of Forgiveness

We have a patient and compassionate Lord who understands us. Ours is a God of second chances who forgives and renews us. With renewed strength, we can do what is hard, with renewed patience, we can do what is boring; for God will work in us a good work. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Come Away

written by the late Peggy Beringer

Come away from your business. Come away from your chores.

Come into God's presence and listen to God's word.

**We come now together, the family of God;
then leave renewed to respond to Christ's call.**

Scriptures and Sacred Readings

Reflections on Faith and Work

Flo MacMullen, Pat Hudson, and Jay Staples

Choir Anthem

Take My Life

Profession of the Church's Faith (*unison*)

Book of Order, Directory for Worship, W-5.010556

We respond to God's grace through our Christian vocation. In Baptism we offer our whole lives in service to God and are empowered by the Holy Spirit with gifts for ministry in Jesus' name. Therefore, we are called to honor and serve God at all times and in all places: in our work and play, in our thoughts and action, and in our private and public engagements. Such service and love is an act of gratitude for God's grace. This has been a particularly important theme of the Reformed tradition: the life and work of every Christian can and should give glory to God. As we honor and serve God in our daily life and labor, we worship God. Whatever our situation, we have opportunities each day to bear witness to the power of God at work within us. Therefore, for Christians, worship, work, and witness cannot be separated.

Hymn of Response GTG 432 (*please rise*)

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Including a word from Boy Scout Steve McIntyre about his Eagle Scout Project at MCPC

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 us whenever you can remember to do so.

The Prayers of the People will be included in the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving at the Lord's Table.

Offering Invitation

Contributions toward Steve's Eagle Scout Project may be made by marking "Eagle Scout Project" in the memo line of your check or by using the special envelopes at the back of the Sanctuary.

Prayer of Dedication

In God's eyes, there are no insignificant workers and no unimportant work. We are blessed to share our work with each other. We are blessed to contribute to others through our work. Here we offer ourselves and our work for God's purposes in our community and our world. Amen.

Gathering at the Lord's Table

Invitation to The Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, ...

...and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. ...

... all of these prayers we gather and offer up to you on the prayer our Lord taught us to say together:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The bread and cup will be brought to each worshipper. The bread is gluten free and only juice is served.

[as the bread is shared] The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Thanks be to God.**

[as the cup is shared] The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Gracious God, we thank you for the love that brings us food from heaven, gives us the life of your dear Son, and assures us that we belong to the company of all his faithful people in heaven and on earth. Grant that, strengthened by this fellowship and by the power of his Holy Spirit, we may continue his work in the world, until we come to the glory of your eternal kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn no. 733 GTG (*Please rise*)

We All Are One in Mission

Charge to the Congregation & Benediction

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

Postlude

Worship is followed by refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall, please join us!!

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!

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Walk Along Beside Me, O My Lord

By Don Besig

Walk along beside me, O my Lord.

Lead me on every step of the way and help me find the joy in each new day.

Take my life and use it, O my Lord.

Help me find, and help me share the gifts you have given, gifts so rare.

Build my faith and watch me from above;

Guide me patiently and teach me how to love.

And when the day is over, O my Lord.,

Keep my safe through the dark of night and waken me again

to see the light of a new tomorrow, the peace I'm searching for.

Walk along beside me, O my Lord.