

*Welcome! We are glad you are here. You may share your joys/concerns by filling out a prayer request form 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 – October 4, 2026**

**World Communion Sunday**

**Including the Special Offering for Peace & Global Witness**

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*As we prepare for worship, we invite you to a time of quiet meditation and companionship with God.*

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

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

#### **Call to Worship** (*responsive*)

**Leader:** All around the world,

**People:** **People rise to greet the morning and sing praise to the Creator.**

**Leader:** All over the earth,

**People:** **People hold hands around a table and offer thanks.**

**Leader:** All around the globe,

**People:** **Hearts hear a sacred melody and yearn for peace.**

**Leader:** Throughout this day, across many lands.

**People:** **Sisters and brothers touch the bread of life and drink the cup of joy.**

**Leader:** All around the world,

**People:** **Prayers echo and we join the unending chorus of praise,  
as we worship God together.**

#### **Call to Reconciliation**

*Family of faith, no matter what your week has looked like, no matter what you carry with you into this space, Jesus is always going to invite you to the Table. That’s the amazing thing about God’s love—it does not keep score, and it knows no end. So join me in the prayer of confession, not because you have to, but because you can. Join me in the prayer of confession, trusting that with these words, God is already inviting you into deeper faith. Let us pray:*

#### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

**God of the universe, we have not always acted in ways that enhance life for our communities, our world, or our environment. We have forgotten to honor the sacredness and grandeur of your creation. Our fears and our selfishness have prevented us from seeing others as your children. Restore us, O God of life. May your Spirit sweep over us as it swept over the waters on that first day of creation, calling forth life from the void. Renew in us a spirit of love, compassion, and courage that your reign might be on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of the One who has declared your reign among us. Amen.**

## Assurance Of Pardon

Once we were strangers and aliens; now we are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel,

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## Hymn of Response and Praise 79 GTG (*Please rise*) *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

### Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

*The power of God's Word comes not from the ink and paper of our printed Bibles or from the creative rhetoric of a preacher but from the work of the Holy Spirit. Today, we join with brothers and sisters around the world, gathered in the community of faith to use the proclamation of the Word to comfort, challenge, correct, inspire, and deepen the faith and life of God's people in every language and tongue, let us join them in seeking understanding as we pray:*

**Teach us, O God, by your Word and Spirit. Help us to hear, know and live the gospel, so that we might proclaim in word and deed the Good News offered us this day—  
a message of love and peace to the whole world, with faith through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### First Lesson

*Exodus 17:1-7*

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

### Responsive Psalm

O sing to the Lord a new song;

**sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Sing to the Lord; bless his name;

**tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare God's glory among the nations,

**tell of God's marvelous works among all the peoples.**

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,

**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Worship the Lord in holy splendor;

**tremble before God, all the earth.**

Say among the nations, "The Lord is king! The world is firmly established;

**it shall never be moved and God will judge the peoples with equity."**

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

**let the sea roar and all that fills it;**

let the field exult and everything in it.

**Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord.**

For the Lord is coming to judge the earth;

**he will judge the nations fairly and with truth!**

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

### Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 21:23-32*

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

### Sermon

*Alive Together Around Christ's Table*

### Hymn 530 GTG (*Please rise*)

*One Bread, One Body*

**Responding in Faith** *Today we welcome new member Matt Harrison by Reaffirmation of Faith and Trent Harrison to be baptized.*

*Congregational Welcome:*

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ. We will nurture one another in faith, uphold one another in prayer, and encourage one another in service.**

**May we all live our own lives in such a way that Christ may be seen in and through us.**

*Please be sure to introduce yourselves to your newest brothers in faith —*

*During fellowship time after this service and in the days to come!*

### **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.*

*At this time, Paul Brown will tell us about the Special Offering being received today.*

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

### **Invitation to a Time of Offering**

*God has abundantly blessed us and called us to be a community that honors each other, to serve others with joy, to share our love and material possessions. Let us rejoice in what we have been given and in what is ours to give...*



*Today we will receive the **Peace and Global Witness Special Offering**, an offering that enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world.*

### **Dedication of Offering**

**Holy One, please receive all our offerings and use them to cultivate peace in the world that you so love until the harvest is ready and the hungry have their fill at the table you have prepared, through Christ the bread of life. Amen**

### **Gathering at the Lord's Table**

#### **Invitation to The Lord's Table**

#### **Choir Anthem**

#### ***In The Singing***

In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,  
in the blessing, in the breaking, in the Presence at this table

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,  
in the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people (*Refrain*)

### **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 indeed right for us to give thanks and blessings to you...

With many tongues, yet with one voice, we honor you with the song of the church on earth and in heaven:

**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 bread of heaven, Christ Jesus. . . . With gratitude for your love and a hunger for community, we weave our voices together in prayer, saying together the words your Son taught us to pray, saying:

**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**

*Today, we will share the Lord's Supper in the round – as we embody World Communion. The plate of bread will be passed for us to serve one another. When you receive the plate, give it to your neighbor so that you may receive the bread, and they shall pass it along in order to be served by another. It will make its way around the circle. We will do the same with the tray of cups. Our bread is gluten free and only juice is served. Hold the bread, we will partake together as the whole community. And repeat with the cup.*

*[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**

**O Amazing God, you come into our ordinary lives and set a holy table among us, filling our plates with the bread of life and our cups with salvation. Send us out, O God, with tenderheartedness to touch an ordinary everyday world with the promise of your holiness. Amen.**

**Hymn 297 GTG** *(Please rise)*

*In Christ Called to Baptize*

### **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.*

*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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