

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 – October 11, 2026 – 18th Indigenous People's Sunday

Today's service of worship is led by the Reverend Susan J. Quass, PCUSA retired

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 Worshipⁱ (responsively)

Creator, you made all people of every land.

One: It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the Wabanaki, the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, and the Penobscot Nation, first people of the dawn.

**People: We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land.
We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the Dawn.**

One: Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced.

People: With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray. Blessed be the Creator, the one who spoke new life, and the one who fills us with the Spirit of God.

All: Blessed be the three in one now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise GTG # 21 (please rise) *Many and Great, O God Are Thy Works*

Profession of the Church's Faithⁱⁱ

With the whole church,

ALL: We affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.

Leader: With people everywhere,

ALL: We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

Leader: With all creation,

We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life; the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.

Prayer for Illumination *(together)*: Guide us, O God, as your word is read and reflected upon, that in your light we may see our path, in your truth we may discover wisdom for this day, and by your will we may know your amazing grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 24

Luke 19:1-10

Sermon

Common Blessings

Hymn of Response GTG # 727 *(Please rise)*

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Invitation to a Time of Confessionⁱⁱⁱ: Mindful of the Decade of Confession and Repentance for the "Doctrine of Discovery" which was fostered by Church bodies and which perpetrates tragic consequences on Native peoples throughout the world, we pray a prayer of Confession and commitment to Justice.

Prayer of Confession:

Gathered here on this Holy Ground, The Psalmist reminds us that

**The earth is the Creator's, and everything in it –
this world and all who live in it.**

We confess that many who have come before us-misrepresented Holy Scripture in order to dispossess indigenous inhabitants of their homes and sovereignty. Claimed divine authority to take these lands; -used treaties as tools of imperial exploitation. They forgot, but we must remember:

**The earth is the Creator's, and everything in it –
this world and all who live in it.**

We confess that the "Doctrine of Discovery" harms all it touches: the generations of those it has oppressed; the spirits of those who use it to oppress. Hope of Healing calls us to remember:

**The earth is the Creator's, and everything in it –
this world and all who live in it.**

We confess that as present-day residents of our precious Mother Earth, we have not been faithful stewards of her care nor of the circle of life and all our relations, human and non-human.

All Creation calls us to remember:

**The earth is the Creator's, and everything in it –
this world and all who live in it.**

One: We pray together:

ALL: On this day we come, seeking divine forgiveness and holding ourselves accountable to live in faithfulness and reconciliation for the sake of the earth and seven generations to come.

(Moment of Silence)

Assurance of Forgiveness: We believe in the Holy One, Maker of us all, who is faithful to forgive us, cleanse us and free us to walk in wholeness. Friends, believe and accept the good news of Christ's peace:

Justice, healing, joy!

Joys and 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 us as you are able.*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer, using debts/debtors, Glory to God. p.35

Offering Invitation

Prayer of Dedication *(together)* Holy God, you meet us at the start of every day and invite us to take on the mind of Christ. Shape us for love, for shared work, for joy in serving side by side. Use what we offer to build a community where sacrifice is natural, mercy is instinctive, and hope rises in every heart. Amen.

Hymn GTG # 23 *(please rise)*

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Charge to the Congregation: God is Good—All the Time. All the Time—God is Good.

Postlude

Benedictionⁱ

From the Navajo Prayer Tradition

Leader: God is before us.

People: God is behind us.

Leader: God is above us.

People: God is below us.

Leader: God's words shall come from our mouths.

People: For we are all God's essence, a sign of God's love.

Leader: All is finished in beauty.

People: All is finished in beauty.

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 Order of Worship home or to share with others, please be so kind as to recycle it in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

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ⁱ <https://www.diomass.org/sites/diomass/files/documents/Pentecost%2018C%20Indigenous%20Peoples%27%20Day%20Eucharist%202022.pdf>

ⁱⁱ IONA Prayer Book.

ⁱⁱⁱ https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/confession_american_indian_ministry_sunday_september_27/