



CHARLTON CHURCH

A United Methodist Community

Sunday, August 23, 2026

LOVE BOLDLY. SERVE JOYFULLY. LEAD COURAGEOUSLY.

VISION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

† Standing, as able.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER and PRELUDE

WELCOME

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us remember the faithfulness of our God.

For decades, God has been our guiding light.

**Through changing seasons, shifting sands,
and the passing of years, God has held us fast.**

But our God is not done writing our story.

The Same God who led us through yesterday
invites us into something fresh today.

God calls us to remain curious,
to open our hearts to new wisdom,
and to learn what it means to follow this very moment.

**We come ready to listen, eager to learn,
and willing to be stretched by God's grace.**

From our very first breath to this present hour,
God's goodness has run after us.

Whether in the quiet of the ordinary
or the grandeur of big promises,

God's mercy has been our constant companion.

All our lives You have been faithful.

All our lives You have been so, so good.

Let us worship our faithful God!

† OPENING HYMNS

"Goodness of God"

Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Jenn Johnson

I love You, Lord, oh, Your mercy never fails me;
all my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire,
in darkest night You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now,
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

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"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Thomas O. Chisholm | William M. Runyan

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

† **UNISON PRAYER**

Faithful God, we stand in awe of Your unchanging nature. You have been so faithful and good to us throughout our lives. When we look back, we see Your hand guiding us. When we look forward, we trust Your promises will hold true. Give us grace to sing of Your goodness in every season. May our lives reflect the deep love You have poured out. In Jesus' name, Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

TIME OF PRAYER

NOISE OFFERING / CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

† **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

MESSAGE

"The Woman Who Changed Jesus' Mind"

Rev. Jason Mackey

HYMN

"She Came to Jesus"

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette | sung to 'Be Thou My Vision'

She came to Jesus from outside the fold —
Canaanite woman! Persistent and bold!
Looking to Jesus, she wanted to see
One who would help her and set her child free.

Claiming a blessing, a touch of God's grace,
she knew God's love was not bounded by place.
Jesus, you listened, debated — then healed —
for in her asking, her faith was revealed.

God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer.
You welcome dreamers who faithfully dare.
In Christ, now risen, your mercy extends:
those on the outside are welcomed as friends.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

THE INVITATION and OFFERTORY

† THE DOXOLOGY

All praise to Thee, the Father, Son,
and to the Spirit; Three in One.
Accept these gifts we bring to You,
and bless the work You'd have us do.

† THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we bring these tithes and offerings to You with expectant hearts. As You declare that You are doing a new thing, we pray these gifts will pave the way for fresh beginnings in our church and community.

Use these resources to spark innovation, open unexpected doors, and fuel new ministries. We dedicate our wealth, our vision, and our lives to Your unfolding future. Amen.

† HYMN

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

(#584, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5) Jeffrey Rawthorne | sung to 'Ode to Joy'

Lord, You give the great commission:

"Heal the sick and preach the word."

Lest the church neglect its mission,

and the gospel go unheard,

help us witness to Your purpose

with renewed integrity.

With the Spirit's gifts empower

us for the work of ministry.

Lord, You call us to Your service:

"In my name baptize and teach."

That the world may trust your promise,

life abundant meant for each,

give us all new fervor,

draw us closer in community.

With the Spirit's gifts empower

us for the work of ministry.

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Lord, You show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that You so freely give.
May Your care and mercy lead
us to a just society.
With the Spirit's gifts empower
us for the work of ministry.

Lord, You bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as You intend
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE**

"Charlton Blessing"

Dear Lord, bless us, take and use us;
strengthen us with power from above.
Guide each footstep of our journey;
grant us grace to walk the path of love.



WELCOME TO CHARLTON CHURCH

We're glad that you are with us for worship today. Whatever your circumstances, no matter where you've been or what's happened in your life, you are welcome here!

Charlton Church is a family of faith that values the diversity of thought that is an intrinsic part of The United Methodist Church. You can read our full statement on our website, at www.charltonchurch.org/umc.

Charlton Church is a 'Safe Sanctuary', with procedures in place for the safety of all children and youth. A nursery is available during the worship service and is located at the end of the hallway opposite the sanctuary.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE AT CHARLTON

Sun, Aug 23	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Worship Service
Mon, Aug 24	10:00 am	Chair Yoga
Tue, Aug 25	1:00 pm	God's Hands @ Work
Wed, Aug 26	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Perkins
	10:00 am	Chair Yoga
Thu, Aug 27	10:00 am	Cardio/Strength Class
	12:00 pm	Meet 'n' Eat Luncheon
	6:00 pm	Charlton Pickleball
Fri, Aug 28	10:30 am	Chair Yoga
Sun, Aug 30	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Indoor Picnic

If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact the church office who will communicate your need with Pastor Dann Caldwell, who is filling in during this time of transition.

WORSHIP INFO

Welcome to our "Summer Road Trip (with a Different Driver each Week)", welcoming Rev. Dann Caldwell, Rev. Jim Copulos, Rev. Michael Gingerich, Rev. Jason Mackey, and Rev. Jennifer Williams as they share a message with us each week.

All summer long, we encourage you to slow down and recognize where God is at work in the world around us ... whether it is in small or big ways.

As part of this series, we invite you to bring postcards of places you visit on your vacations. You may place them on the board in the lobby. Take an opportunity to share stories of your travels with your Charlton family.

INDOOR PICNIC

Join us for our "Farewell to Summer" picnic on Sunday, August 30 following the morning worship service. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share, but it's not required. The main dish will be provided. Please sign up on the Connection Card so that we can be properly prepared.

BACKPACK BLESSING

All students are encouraged to bring their school backpacks next week for the blessing of the backpacks.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

WITH SINCERE THANKS

Irene Kaufmann would like to thank each of you who sent her a birthday card for her 100th birthday. Your expressions of kindness were greatly appreciated. The amount of cards she received was an unexpected and welcome surprise.

MISSION INFO

GIVING GRACE COLLECTION

We are collecting toilet paper for our monthly outreach distribution. We continue to collect 2 lb. bags of rice.

Thank you for donations of peanut butter and jelly that we collected over the summer. We are done with that collection for this year.

AUGUST MISSION OFFERING

The noise offering today supports "Someone To Tell It To", a non-profit whose mission is to cultivate meaningful relationships through compassionate listening and trains others to do the same. If you're called to be a compassionate listener, visit their website at www.someonetotellitto.org.

COLLECTING NOW FOR NEXT YEAR

This is a great time to purchase school supplies on sale that we will need for next year's Penny Carnival. We will collect these items all year long to ensure we have enough supplies to serve as the prizes for next year's carnival.

- Sterilite pencil box (99¢)
- 24 Crayola crayons (50¢)
- 12 ct Crayola colored pencils (99¢)
- 70 sheet wide ruled deal worthy notebook (35¢)
- Fiskars 5" blunt tip scissors (\$1.59)
- Fiskars 5" pointed scissors (\$1.59)
- Ticonderoga 12 ct pencils (\$2.99)
- Elmer's 2 pk glue sticks (50¢)
- Crayola 10 ct fine line markers (99¢)
- Crayola 10 ct broad line markers (99¢)

CHARLTON PRAYER REQUESTS

WEEK 1:

Newborn Makenzie Goodman, Jane Ober;

WEEK 2:

Richard Anderson, family of Michael Ensign, Brenda Mull, people in Puerto Rico with water concerns;

WEEK 3:

family of Doug Fisher, Linda Geary, Lou;

WEEK 4:

Family of Bill Kepler, Janet Koup, Tyler Blazena, family of Tom Furlong, Golob family, family of Karen Moraski, Stacy Ruck, Michele Shaffer, Jeff, Jim;

ONGOING:

Larry and Tina Caines, Dot Dunkle, Joy Morris, Cheryl Rhodes.

WE CONTINUALLY PRAY FOR:

- Charlton Church, staff, and Leadership Council
- The United Methodist Church
- Bishop Hector A. Burgos-Nunez
- Superintendent Rev. Don Rowe
- Our World Vision families:
Dieulene in Haiti and Narek in Armenia.
- All peoples affected by war and unrest
- The leaders of all nations, that peace may be our common goal

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO USE OUR FACILITY:

- Charlton Preschool
- The SoupGuy, Adam and Nina Weaver
- Little Star Chinese School
- WB Music Therapy
- Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
- Sports and exercise groups
- Arabic congregation



Stewardship Report for August 16, 2026

Worship Attendance 67

General Fund:	\$	2,396.35
Facility Maintenance:	\$	20.00
Missions:	\$	60.00



THERE ARE 3 WAYS TO GIVE AT CHARLTON CHURCH

1. SUNDAY MORNING OFFERING

If you would like a statement at the end of the year, use your church envelopes or use the "My Offering" envelopes in the pews.

2. GIVE ONLINE

Online giving ensures that your offerings are made ... even when you can't make it to church. Go to www.CharltonChurch.org/give

3. TEXT 2 GIVE

Text your gift to 844-952-2041. For detailed information, go to www.CharltonChurch.org/text

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