



CHARLTON CHURCH

A United Methodist Community

Sunday, September 6, 2026

LOVE BOLDLY. SERVE JOYFULLY. LEAD COURAGEOUSLY.

VISION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

† Standing, as able.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER and PRELUDE

WELCOME

In a world that demands we hurry,
where the clock never stops
and our calendars are always full,
God pulls back the curtain and invites us to breathe.

**There is a season for everything,
and a time for every matter under heaven.**

There is a time to celebrate our victories,
to laugh until our sides ache,
and to dance with pure joy.
And there is a time to sit quietly in the dark,
to grieve what we have lost,
and to let our tears fall without shame.

**God holds our dancing and God holds our weeping.
Both are safe in His hands.**

There is a time to build up our lives,
our careers, and our families,
working with all our might.
And there is a time to let go, to surrender our control,
and to admit that we cannot carry it all.

**There is a time to hold on tight,
and a time to bravely let go.**

There is a time to speak up for justice,
to raise our voices for the broken,
and to break the silence.

And there is a time to be still,
to listen deeply,
and to let peace have the final word.

**In every season, in every moment,
God is already there.**

So come exactly as you are today.
Bring your joy, bring your weariness,
bring your noise, and bring your silence.

**Let us sing with joy
as we worship the God who is present with us
through all the seasons of our life.**

† **HYMN**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (#89)

Henry Van Dyke | Ludwig Van Beethoven

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!

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Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life

† **UNISON PRAYER**

Creator God, You hold all of creation within Your hands, guiding every season of our lives. Teach us to accept Your holy timing. Grant us peace when we must grieve, joy when it is time to celebrate, wisdom to know when to speak, and patience when we must remain silent. Help us trust Your divine purpose in every season. May our hearts rest secure in Your unchanging love forever. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

TIME OF PRAYER

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.

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

MESSAGE

"A Season to ..."

Rev. Kathleen Kind

† HYMN

"Hymn of Promise" (#707)

Natalie Sleeth

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

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, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

You are the God of all seasons, the Master of every time under heaven. You spoke into the dark and timeless void, marking the rhythm of day and night, seedtime and harvest, life and breath. You made us for time, yet set eternity in our hearts.

When we tried to claim time as our own, grasping for forever on our own terms, You remained faithful. Through every changing season of our human journey — in times of abundance and times of wilderness — You have guided Your people, teaching us to trust that in your hands, no moment is wasted.

And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

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 and gracious God, in the fullness of time, You sent your Son, Jesus Christ. He entered our finite world and inhabited our human seasons:

- He knew the time to be born in lowliness and the time to die upon the cross.

- He knew the time to plant seeds of love and grace, and the time to uproot the structures of injustice and fear.
- He knew the time to heal the brokenhearted, the time to break down walls of division, and the time to build up the Kingdom of peace.
- He wept with those who mourned, danced with those who rejoiced, and held back nothing, loving us even unto death.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to You, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, we celebrate the mystery of our faith:

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to You, Lord of all; presenting to You, from your creation, this bread and cup.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ. Pour out Your Spirit upon us also, that in every season of our lives we may be grounded in Your grace.

By Your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*Please come forward using the center aisle
and return via the side aisles.*

You may leave your offerings as you come forward.

† HYMN

"Turn Turn Turn"

Pete Seeger

CHORUS

To everything – turn, turn, turn –
there is a season – turn, turn, turn –
and a time to every purpose under heaven.

A time to be born, a time to die;
a time to plant, a time to reap;
a time to kill, a time to heal;
a time to laugh, a time to weep.

A time to build up, a time to break down;
a time to dance, a time to mourn;
a time to cast away stones;
a time to gather stones together.

A time of love, a time of hate;
a time of war, a time of peace;
a time you may embrace;
a time to refrain from embracing.

A time to gain, a time to lose;
a time to rend, a time to sew;
a time for love, a time for hate;
a time for peace, I swear it's not too late!

† BENEDICTION and RESPONSE

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, Sep 6	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	9:00 am	Make PB&J sandwiches
	10:00 am	Worship Service
Mon, Sep 7		Happy Labor Day – Office Closed
Tue, Sep 8	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wed, Sep 9	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Perkins
	10:00 am	Latte and Laughter
	10:00 am	Chair Yoga
Thu, Sep 10	10:00 am	Cardio/Strength Class
	12:00 pm	Women's and Men's Luncheons
Fri, Sep 11	10:30 am	Chair Yoga
Sun, Sep 13	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Sundae Sunday @ Charlton

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

Today we begin our new fall sermon series "Seasons of Grace". This series was designed specifically for where we find ourselves today as a community. When circumstances change, it can be easy to react out of anxiety, tension, or fear of the unknown. But what if this moment isn't just a season of transition — what if it is a season of grace?

Today, we welcome Rev. Dr. Kathleen Kind as our guest speaker. Rev. Kind is the Director of Connectional Ministries for the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church.

CHURCH COUNCIL AVAILABLE

Members of the Church Council will be available in the parlor after worship today and next Sunday to answer any questions you may have concerning the recent update concerning our fall series and this time of transition without a pastor.

BULLETINS

Today's bulletins are in memory of Arman O'Brine, by Carol and Bill Schleig.

MISSION INFO

GIVING GRACE COLLECTION

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

SEPTEMBER MISSION OFFERING

Our mission offering for September supports our work as a partner with Family Promise, as we host homeless families in our church four times a year.

CHARLTON PRAYER REQUESTS

WEEK 1:

Anthony, Jason, Michael;

WEEK 2:

Dottie Dunkle, Amanda Eshenour, Luke Miller, Courtney and Chris Gaston, Janet Warfield, Theut family, teachers and students;

WEEK 3:

Newborn Makenzie Goodman, Jane Ober;

WEEK 4:

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

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
- Students and teachers
- 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 30, 2026

Worship Attendance 68

General Fund:	\$ 3,845.61
Facility Maintenance:	\$ 139.84
Missions:	\$ 319.84



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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