



CHARLTON CHURCH

A United Methodist Community

Sunday, April 19, 2026

LOVE BOLDLY. SERVE JOYFULLY. LEAD COURAGEOUSLY.

VISION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

† Standing, as able.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER and WELCOME

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels that overwhelmed us with information, worry, and stress.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.

We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once again.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.

We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.

Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God! Amen.

† **HYMN**

"Christ is Alive" (#318)

Brian Wren

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and dwell in every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

† **UNISON PRAYER**

O risen Christ, on the road to Emmaus, You were the
disciples' companion. Be at our side on the journey of
faith on life's pathways and at every encounter,
engender our compassion, so that we may welcome
others and listen to their stories. (continued)

Kindle anew the desire to proclaim Your Word. May it illumine us, and may our hearts burn to bear witness to it. May Your Holy Spirit teach us the art of explaining scripture and open our hearts to recognize You. Grant us the courage to become vulnerable so that our siblings may know You through us and that we may know You through them. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

† SHARING OF THE PEACE

† RESPONSE

Side by side we stand together,
singing to our God above,
bound by chains that none can sever,
as a family of love.

Alleluia, voices ringing,
Alleluia, let us sing,
Alleluia, praise we're bringing
to our Christ, the risen King!

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

TIME OF PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

THE INVITATION

OFFERTORY

† THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord of the Journey, we confess that, like the disciples, we often walk with our faces downcast, preoccupied by our own shadows and missing the Risen Christ in our path. We thank you for staying with us even when the day is almost over.

Take these gifts—the fruit of our labor and the signs of our gratitude. Use them to open eyes that are blinded by despair, warm hearts that have grown cold with cynicism, and feed those who hunger for both physical bread and the Word of Life.

May our lives, like our offerings, become a living testimony to the walk we share with You. Send us out from this place with burning hearts to proclaim the Good News in every "Emmaus" we encounter. In the name of the One who is our companion on life's journey, Amen.

† **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 24:19-31

† SONGS OF PREPARATION

"Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Robert Cull

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"

Paul Baloché

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord;
open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You, I want to see You.
To see You high and lifted up,
shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
as we sing holy, holy, holy.

MESSAGE

Pastor Miguel

Stories That Matter
Astounded Us

† HYMN

"Standing on the Promises" (#374)

R. Kelso Carter

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

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Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

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Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE**

“Charlton Blessing”

Marcy Miller | Dan Schutte

written in memory of Marlyn Hoover

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, Apr 19	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Charlton Worship Service
Mon, Apr 20	10:30 am	Chair Yoga
Tue, Apr 21	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wed, Apr 22	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Perkins
	10:30 am	Chair Yoga
Thu, Apr 23	10:30 am	Strength and Balance Class
	12:00 pm	Meet 'n' Eat Luncheon
Fri, Apr 24	10:30 am	Chair Yoga
Sun, Apr 26	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Worship Service

WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION

Thank you to all who supported our Easter egg project. A total of \$13,200 was raised.

WORSHIP INFO

SERMON SERIES

We continue our sermon series entitled "Stories That Matter", a six-week Easter sermon series rooted in the conviction that the resurrection of Jesus is not the end of the story; it is the beginning of a new way of seeing everything. During the Easter season, the church does not rush past the empty tomb; we linger with the living Christ, listening again to the stories that shaped the earliest believers and continue to shape us today. These are stories told and retold because they reveal who Jesus is, what God is doing in the world, and who we are called to be as resurrection people.

GROWTH INFO

BIBLE STUDY

Everyone is invited to join the pastor for Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am in the parlor.

MISSION INFO

GIVING GRACE COLLECTION

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

MISSION OFFERING

The mission offering for April supports the Helping Hands ministry here at Charlton Church. The Helping Hands program works alongside Giving Grace as we strive to meet the needs of individuals, seniors, and families in our community who are experiencing difficult times.

FELLOWSHIP INFO

FELLOWSHIP THURSDAY

Be sure to sign up for our April and May Fellowship Thursday events.

SAVE THE DATE

220TH ANNIVERSARY

On Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026, we will be celebrating the 220th anniversary of Charlton Church. After our worship celebration, everyone is invited to join us for lunch in the gym. More details will be shared in upcoming weeks. Please sign up on today's Connection Card.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

The stone has been rolled away, the Alleluias have been sung, and the lilies may be starting to fade — but the message of Easter is just beginning. As we step into this post-Resurrection season, we are reminded that Easter isn't a single day; it's a way of living.

Christ's victory over the grave calls us to be faithful stewards of the "new life" we've been promised. Stewardship is our grateful response to God's ultimate gift. It is how we manage our time, our talents, and our resources to reflect the light of the Risen Lord in a world that often feels dark.

By sharing our abundance and serving our neighbors, we become living witnesses to the Resurrection. This week, let's ask ourselves: How can I use what I've been given to cultivate hope? Whether through a generous gift or a simple act of service, your stewardship ensures the joy of Easter continues to flourish.

CHARLTON PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Nina Weaver, Trexler family, Leo, Monique, Nancy B;

ONGOING:

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

WEEK 2:

June Rohrbach, Ron Livingston, family of Fred, family of Jimmy;

WEEK 3:

Bill Schleig, Gary Markle;

WEEK 4:

Diny Mantz, Bill and Carol Schleig, Gabby, Ryan and Harper Fay Torresin, Matt Boyer, Mark Miller, Sissy Page.

WE CONTINUALLY PRAY FOR:

- Charlton Church, staff, and Leadership Council
- The United Methodist Church
- Bishop Hector A. Burgos-Nunez
- Superintendent Rev. Dr. Gary Weaver
- 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



***“The prayer of the righteous
is powerful and effective.”***

James 5:16

Stewardship Report for April 12, 2026

Worship Attendance: 78

General Fund: \$ 6,074.37

Facility Maintenance: \$ 388.61

Missions: \$ 204.32



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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

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