



April 21, 2024

CHARLTON CHURCH

A United Methodist Community

Where Faith Meets Life

GOD'S CHILDREN GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE & UNITY

† CALL TO WORSHIP

We continue to celebrate that Christ is risen;

Christ is risen indeed!

We are an Easter people,

called out of darkness into the light of Christ;

freed from the shadows of death

to live victoriously in the kingdom of God;

inspired by the gospel message

and sent to proclaim the good news to all the world.

† HYMN

"Lift High the Cross" (#159)

George Kitchin | Michael Newbolt | Sydney Nicholson

REFRAIN

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine. (refrain)

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. (refrain)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. (refrain)

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! (refrain)

† UNISON PRAYER

Lord of Dawn and Darkness, how grateful we are for
Your loving mercies. You saw our fear and doubt, our
suspicion, our mistrust; and You transform our lives,
replacing them with hope, peace, love, and joy.

You called us to be your witnesses, to all the world,
unafraid of what others might think or say about us.
We have been invited out of our darkened hideaways,
into the light of Your world as emissaries of hope and
justice, peace and compassion.

Be with us, as we participate in ministries of healing
and hope through this church, in our community,
region, nation, and world.

Give us courage and strength to be Your disciples
in all the circumstances of our lives; for we ask this in
Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SHARING OF THE PEACE and RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6: 1-8

ASK THE PASTOR

Pastor Dann Caldwell

† RESPONSE

"God Hath Spoken" (#108)

George W. Briggs | Thomas J. Williams

God hath spoken by the prophets,
spoken the unchanging Word,
each from age to age proclaiming,
God the One, the righteous Lord!
Mid the world's despair and turmoil,
one firm anchor holdeth fast;
God eternal reigns forever,
God the first, and God the last.

God hath spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ the everlasting Son;
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God of God, ere time, was born;
Light of Light, to earth descending,
Christ, as God in human form.

God yet speaketh by the Spirit,
speaketh to our hearts again;
in the age-long Word expounding
God's own message, now as then.
Thru the rise and fall of nations,
one sure faith yet standing fast,
God abides, the Word unchanging,
God the first, and God the last.

CHARLTON FAMILY PRAYS

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

THE INVITATION

THE 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

Loving God, use these gifts we bring to change the world. Use our talents and the work of our hands to make a difference in the lives of those around us. Use our lives, to help make a world where everyone is loved, a world where justice and compassion roll down like a mighty stream, a world where hunger, thirst and loneliness are eradicated. This we ask in the name of our Risen Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

ASK THE PASTOR

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† **HYMN**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (#384)

Charles Wesley | John Zundel

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

† **INVITATION TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH**

† **BENEDICTION and RESPONSE**

CHARLTON GUIDE TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

General Conference is the official legislative body of the United Methodist Church. It is comprised of equal representation of clergy and lay elected from annual conferences around the world.

Normally held every four years, the upcoming General Conference is actually the covid-postponed 2020 gathering. It will be held from April 23 thru May 3 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The following links can help you learn more about and keep you informed about the upcoming gathering:

Official Website of General Conference

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020>

Susquehanna Annual Conference page

<https://susumc.org/gc/>

Sign up for the Daily UM News Digest

<https://www.umnews.org/en/subscription-pages/umnews-daily-digest-subscribe>

Sign up for the Weekly UM News Digest

<https://www.umnews.org/subscription-pages/umnews-weekly-digest-subscribe>

Join your Charlton Family as we pray for the UMC General Conference

Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 pm – Worship in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 24 thru Friday, May 3 at 6:00 pm

Stop what you are doing each day at 6pm and pray for The United Methodist Church. We will also be posting a prayer for the General Conference on our website and Facebook page.

CHARLTON CHURCH: *Where Faith Meets Life*

WELCOME

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!

COVID GUIDELINES

We continue to see an increase in COVID infections. Now is not the time to get complacent in our actions! Please remember to observe social distancing whenever possible. If you do not feel well, please stay home. If you have been exposed to the virus, it is recommended that you remain out of public areas for 5 days. There is a designated mask area in the rear of the sanctuary, for those who choose to be extra diligent. You **MUST** wear a mask in this area! Thank you for your cooperation as we care for one another.

CONNECT WITH US

Be sure to fill out your Connection Card today and place it in the offering plate. This is the best way for our members and friends to stay connected with the ministry and mission of Charlton Church.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

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. KIDs Club, for children age 3 thru grade 5, meets during the 9:00 am worship service.

PROUD TO BE UMC

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.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE AT CHARLTON

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| Mon, Apr 22 | 10:30 am | Chair Yoga |
| Tue, Apr 23 | 10:30 am | Cardio and Strength Class |
| | 1:00 pm | God's Hands @ Work |
| | 7:00 pm | Prayer Service for Gen. Conf. |
| Wed, Apr 24 | 10:30 am | Chair Yoga |
| | 6:00 pm | Prayer for General Conference |
| Thu, Apr 25 | 10:30 am | Cardio and Strength Class |
| | 12:00 pm | Meet 'n' Eat |
| | 6:00 pm | Prayer for General Conference |
| | 6:30 pm | Pickleball |
| Fri, Apr 26 | 10:30 am | Chair Yoga |
| | 6:00 pm | Prayer for General Conference |
| Sat, Apr 27 | 6:00 pm | Prayer for General Conference |

WORSHIP INFO

SERMON SERIES

We continue the sermon series this week entitled "Ask the Pastor". If you have a question you would like to ask, please write it on your Connection Card.

GROWTH INFO

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MIGUEL

The pastor invites you to join him for his Bible Study, held each Tuesday at 10:00 am.

MEMBERSHIP INFO

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION NEEDED

We would like to update our membership information and include an emergency contact for all of our members. Please provide this information on today's Connection Card.

MISSION INFO

GIVING GRACE COLLECTION

We are collecting bar soap for our monthly outreach distribution. We continue to collect 2 lb. bags of rice for Helping Hands.

MISSION OFFERING

The mission offering for April is for our Helping Hands program. This is Charlton's monthly outreach program to the community.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEAL

We are hosting a free spaghetti meal for our community on Saturday, May 4 from 4 to 6 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with this meal. Church members are encouraged and welcome to attend the meal!

FELLOWSHIP INFO

FELLOWSHIP THURSDAY

Be sure to sign up on your Connection Card for this month's Fellowship Thursday events:

April 25 – Meet 'n' Eat Luncheon at 12 Noon

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 4 – Community Spaghetti Dinner at 4:00 pm

Pentecost Sunday, May 19 – One Service at 10:00 am

Pentecost Sunday, May 19 – Gospel Buffet at 11:30 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Ashley Albright, Janet Beasom, Fay Kehler, Cheryl Rhodes, Joe Bower, Bob Burch, Theo Dahab, Laraine Hicks, Mark Leonard, Sue Livingston, Family of Anthony Loy, Pat Reneker, Sandy Sheppard, Craig, Zoey.

PREVIOUSLY:

Alice Elicker, Father Tom; Marlin Brannen, Geraldine Coleman, Jason Ryan Miller, Susie Pufnak, Bill Snyder, Jim Wesloskie, Sandy Young, Alice, Betsy, Craig, Dot, Grace, Kevin, Marie, Nancy, Renee; Janice Bickel, Rick and Sue Ebert, Merle Lebo, Cheryl Rhodes, Kayla Wagner.

WE CONTINUALLY PRAY FOR:

- Charlton Church, staff, and Leadership Council.
- The United Methodist Church.
- Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball, Bishop Cynthia Moore-KoiKoi, Superintendent Rev. Dr. Gary Weaver.
- Our World Vision families:
Dieulene in Haiti and Narek in Armenia.
- The people of Ukraine and Russia.
- The leaders of all nations, that peace may be our common goal.

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

James 5:16



Stewardship Report for April 14, 2023

Worship Attendance: 80 at 9am, 22 at 11 am

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| General Fund: | \$ 5,377.48 |
| Debt Reduction: | \$ 145.00 |
| Mission Offering: | \$ 30.00 |
| Mortgage Principal Balance: | \$ 50,384.88 |
| March receipts: | \$ 3,206.52 |
| Matching funds: | \$ 3,206.52 |
| Easter Egg profit: | \$ 15,500.00 |
| Matching funds: | \$ 15,500.00 |
| New Balance | \$ 12,971.84 |



ONLINE GIVING

We highly encourage persons to sign up for secure online giving through our website at: www.CharltonChurch.org/give

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