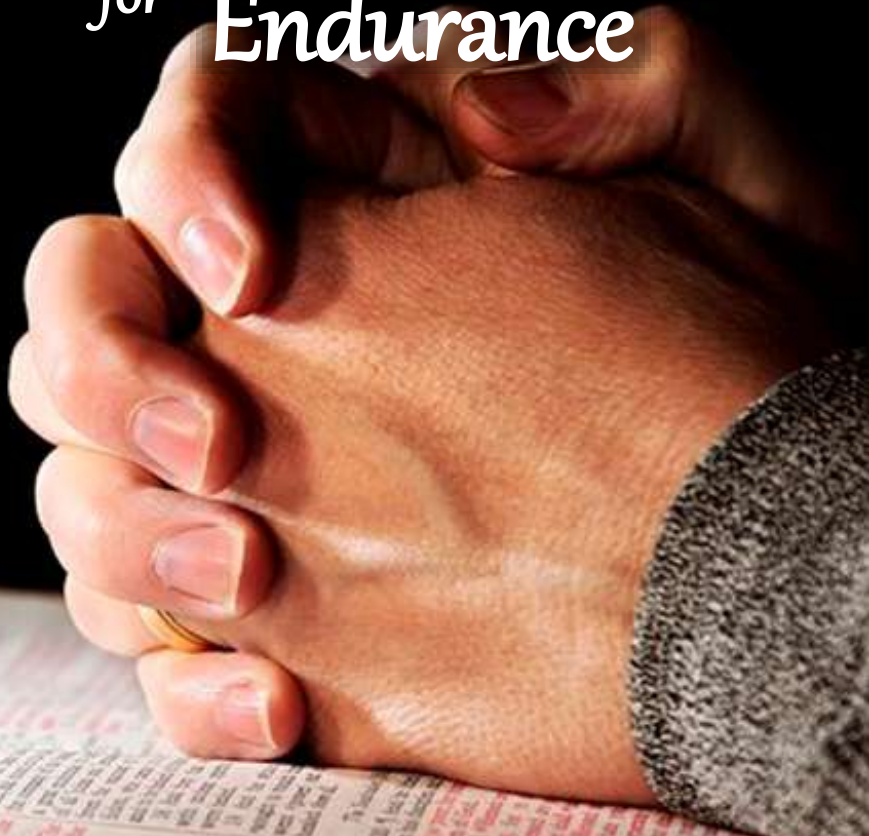


# Exhortation for Endurance



**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**August 24, 2025**

# CHARLTON CHURCH

A United Methodist Community

*Where Faith Meets Life*

**Love boldly. Serve joyfully. Lead courageously.**

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† Standing, as able.

We continue to light a Candle of Peace,  
praying for people around the world  
who live in the midst of violence, war, and unrest.

## GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Pastor Miguel Arenas

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered in this place to worship,

**because of our love for Jesus!**

We come as we are, with our faith and our doubts,  
with our successes and our failures,

**because of our love for Jesus!**

We come in joy or in pain,  
to offer our thanksgiving and petitions,

**because of our love for Jesus!**

## † HYMN

"O How I Love Jesus" (#170)

Frederick Whitfield

There is a name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
it sounds like music in my ear,  
the sweetest name on earth.

### REFRAIN

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love,  
who died to set me free;  
it tells me of his precious blood,  
the sinner's perfect plea. (sing refrain)

It tells of one whose loving heart  
can feel my deepest woe;  
who in each sorrow bears a part  
that none can bear below. (sing refrain)

## † UNISON PRAYER

Merciful and Gracious God, in love You open wide the doors and welcome us into Your presence — saints and sinners alike. We come with joy to meet You here, to celebrate Your grace and mercy in our lives. May Your Spirit inspire and encourage us as we worship together in Your presence. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

# ANTHEM

## TIME OF PRAYER

## NOISE OFFERING / CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### † SHARING OF THE PEACE and RESPONSE

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

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 12:18-29

## MESSAGE

Pastor Miguel

### † HYMN "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" (#731)

John Newton | Franz Joseph Haydn

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
God, whose word cannot be broken,  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near!  
Thus deriving from our banner  
light by night and shade by day,  
safe we feed upon the manna  
which God gives us when we pray.

Blest inhabitants of Zion,  
washed in our Redeemer's blood;  
Jesus, whom our souls rely on,  
makes us monarchs, priests to God.  
Us, by his great love, he raises,  
rulers over self to reign,  
and as priests his solemn praises  
we for thankful offering bring.



# OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY

Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold.

Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee;  
ever, only, all for Thee.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are You, God of all creation. Through Your  
goodness we have these gifts to share. Bless what  
we offer so that they will be a blessing for others.

Give us courage to offer ourselves more fully to You,  
so that our lives bring You honor and glory through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

† **HYMN OF DEDICATION**

"Just As I Am" (#357)

Charlotte Elliott | William B. Bradbury

Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not  
to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown  
hath broken every barrier down;  
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## † **BENEDICTION**

## † **RESPONSE**

"Charlton Blessing"  
Marcy Miller | Dan Schutte

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.



# **CHARLTON CHURCH:** *Where Faith Meets Life*

## **WELCOME**

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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!

## **PROUD TO BE UMC**

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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](http://www.charltonchurch.org/umc).

## **CONNECT WITH US**

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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**

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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 discipleship hour.

## **SHARING IS NOT ALWAYS CARING**

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We have learned much through the pandemic and should do our best not 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 health concerns, there is a designated area at the rear of the sanctuary in the parlor, where you can be seated for our worship service. Please reserve this area for persons with health concerns. Thank you for your cooperation as we care for one another.



## UPCOMING SCHEDULE AT CHARLTON

Sun, Aug 24	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Charlton Worship Service
Mon, Aug 25	10:30 am	Chair Yoga
Tue, Aug 26	10:00 am	Bible Study
	1:00 pm	God's Hands @ Work
Wed, Aug 27	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Perkins
Thu, Aug 28	12:00 pm	Meet 'n' Eat Lunch Fellowship
Sun, Aug 31	10:00 am	Charlton Worship Service
	11:15 am	Indoor Picnic

## WORSHIP INFO

### SERMON SERIES

We continue our sermon series entitled "Exhortation for Endurance" that explores the book of Hebrews.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests should be written in the Prayer Book, located in the church lobby.

## GROWTH INFO

### BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MIGUEL

The pastor invites you to join him for our weekly Bible study, held Tuesdays at 10:00 am.



## **MISSION INFO**

### **GIVING GRACE COLLECTION**

We are collecting dish soap for our monthly outreach distribution. We continue to collect 2 lb. bags of rice year round.

### **MISSION OFFERING**

Today's noise offering supports Someone To Tell It To, an organization committed to training and providing compassionate listeners to those experiencing difficult days.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you for supporting our collections over the summer months. Now that school will be back in session, we will not be collecting peanut butter and jelly.

15 baskets of snack foods were assembled and distributed to various organizations that serve the public, such as our local first responders and hospitals.

### **BIKE COLLECTION**

If you have any bikes, any size, any condition that you would like to donate, please call Mark Malone at 717-645-3197. You can make arrangements with him, and he will deliver them to Recycle Bicycle.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### **INDOOR PICNIC**

Join us next Sunday for our indoor picnic after worship. The main dish will be supplied. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please sign up on your Connection Card.

### **MISSION CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT**

This year's golf tournament Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> will benefit Family Promise. For more info, visit [www.CharltonChurch.org/golf](http://www.CharltonChurch.org/golf)

# Last Week's Prayer Requests

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Anne Shearer, Sherri Burster, Keith Hershey, Wayne Jacobs, Dianna and Brian, Kaylee;

ONGOING:

John Arnold, Carol Brown, Larry and Tina Caines, Dot Dunkle, Joy Morris, Cheryl Rhodes, Sig Sunday;

WEEK 2:

Scott Miller, George Zimmerman, Ron Keslar, Michael Kline, Gary Markle;

WEEK 3:

Justin and Morrison Foltz, Earl Hughes, John Sims, Bill, Morgan;

WEEK 4:

Mary Miller, Andrew Aumen, Mike Brannen, Julie Deel, Annamarie Engle, David Kehler.

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.
- The people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine
- The leaders of all nations, that peace may be our common goal

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO USE OUR FACILITY:

- Nepali Church
- The SoupGuy, Adam and Nina Weaver
- Little Star Chinese School
- WB Music Therapy
- Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
- Sports and exercise groups

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

James 5:16



## Stewardship Report for August 17, 2025

Worship Attendance: 81

General Fund: \$ 2,140.07

Facility Maintenance: \$ 45.00

Missions: \$ 60.00



### ONLINE GIVING

We highly encourage persons to sign up for secure online giving through our website. Online giving allows you to support the general fund as well as our missions and debt reduction.

Online giving also ensures that your offerings are made ... even when you can't make it to church. Sign up today at [www.CharltonChurch.org/give](http://www.CharltonChurch.org/give)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow!*

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