

A close-up photograph of vibrant green palm fronds, showing the intricate texture of the leaves and the central rachis. The lighting is bright, highlighting the natural colors of the foliage.

Palm Sunday

CHARLTON CHURCH

A United Methodist Community

Sunday, March 29, 2026

LOVE BOLDLY. SERVE JOYFULLY. LEAD COURAGEOUSLY.

VISION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

† Standing, as able.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

WELCOME

Pastor Miguel Arenas

† CALL TO WORSHIP

The story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, tells us that after his celebrated arrival,

**He went into the Temple
and looked around at everything.**

As we gather here for worship today may it be with a sense that Jesus has walked in too, and is looking around.

**May our eyes be open to see Him,
may our hearts be ready to be seen by Him,
may our worship be worthy of His presence,
and may we be transformed
so that we see the world through His eyes.**

† BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Almighty and Loving God, the Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as the Messiah and King with palm branches in their hands, crying "Hosanna in the highest". Bless these branches and make them holy. May our voices join with those who cried out:

**Hosanna in the Highest.
Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

† HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (#280)

Theodulph of Orleans | Melchior Teschner

REFRAIN

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One.

The company of angels are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems
before thee we present.

To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

† UNISON PRAYER

It is relatively easy for us to get someone to go and gather palm leaves to spread in the church today. And we can easily find music and a few good words to help us to remember and re-enact Palm Sunday.

But what if You arrived inviting us to really lay down something important to us to acknowledge Your arrival?

What if we knew the imminence of the danger that accompanies You, or sensed that the authorities were watching us as we worship?

How then, Jesus, would we meet You today, and what would we spread before You? And how would we regard humility from the One we hope will save the world?

Palm Sunday Jesus, help us to see how and where You enter our world today, and what You ask us to lay at Your feet, and how we may welcome You in. Amen.

ANTHEM

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

TIME OF PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

THE INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY

† THE DOXOLOGY

We dedicate our gifts to You,
and all the work You'd have us do.
With palms we come to praise our King,
"Hosanna" is the song we sing.

† THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We join our voices with all of creation as we sing
praise, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in
the name of the Lord.'

Just as the crowds offered You their coats and palm
branches to walk on, we lay our tithes and gifts
before You, humble tokens of our love.

Bless these gifts, as well as our lives, that together
we may be Your heart and hands in the world today,
offering compassion, mercy and justice where it is
needed most.

This we pray in Your holy name. Amen.

† **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

† **RESPONSE**

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

† **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Mark 11:1-11

From Sorrow to Song:
Singing our Way to Easter

† **HYMN**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (#278)

Jeanette Threlfall

Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice!

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE**

"He Is Exalted"

Twila Paris

He is exalted, the King is exalted on High;
I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted
and I will praise His name.

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and Earth rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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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, Mar 29	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Charlton Worship Service
Mon, Mar 30	10:30 am	Chair Yoga
Tue, Mar 31	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wed, Apr 1	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Perkins
	10:30 am	Chair Yoga
	4:00 pm	Giving Grace Distribution
Thu, Apr 2	10:30 am	Strength and Balance Class
	2:00 pm	Maundy Thursday service
	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday service
Fri, Apr 3	10:30 am	Chair Yoga
	2:00 pm	Good Friday service
	7:00 pm	Good Friday service
Sat, Apr 4	6 am to 6 pm	Sanctuary Open for prayer
Sun, Apr 5	6:30 am	Sonrise Service at Mt. Calvary
	10:00 am	Easter Worship

WORSHIP INFO

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Join us at 2pm or 7pm as we remember the meal Jesus shared with his disciples and share in the holy sacrament.

GOOD FRIDAY

Join us at 2pm or 7pm as we reflect on the passion story of the crucifixion of Jesus.

HOLY SATURDAY

The sanctuary will be open from 6 am to 6 pm for prayer. Come and spend a few moments in prayerful silence.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sonrise Service will be held at 6:30 am at Mt. Calvary UMC with Pastor Miguel preaching.

Celebration of Easter Worship will be held in the Charlton sanctuary at 10:00 am. Invite your family and friends to join you as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are in honor of granddaughter, Anya's 1st birthday by Steve and Alice Enterline.

GROWTH INFO

BIBLE STUDY

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

LATTE AND LAUGHTER

The next gathering is Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 10:00 a.m. We will be decorating goodie bags for Caitlin's Smiles to be filled with goodies and activities to be given to children and teens with serious illnesses in the hospital. We are asking \$3 donation toward the purchase of the bags.

MISSION INFO

GIVING GRACE COLLECTION

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

MISSION OFFERING

The mission offering for March is for UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, providing assistance to those in need around the world. UMCOR has a reputation of being the first time responder in times of natural disaster, and one of the last to leave after recovery efforts.

FELLOWSHIP INFO

FELLOWSHIP THURSDAY

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

MISCELLANEOUS INFO

KREISER FUNERAL

The funeral service for Bernadette Kreiser will be held at Charlton on Tuesday, March 31. Visitation will be held at 10:00 am and funeral service at 11:00 am. Interment will be held after the service at Indiantown Gap.

MEMORIAL SERVICE CHANGE

The memorial service for Rev. Althouse will be on April 26 during the worship service at Calvary UMC in Mohnton PA. It was originally scheduled for March 29. The service is live streamed.

CHARLTON PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Diny Mantz, Bill and Carol Schleig, Gabby, Ryan and Harper Fay Torresin, Matt Boyer, Mark Miller, Sissy Page, family of Bernadette Kreiser, family of Judith M. Lee, family of Wayne Jacobs;

ONGOING:

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

WEEK 2:

Carol Brown, Ron Livingston, Adam Weaver, Gina;

WEEK 3:

Cindy Gebhart, Gillian;

WEEK 4:

Michael Baker, Ben.

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



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

James 5:16

Stewardship Report for March 22, 2026

Worship Attendance: 74

General Fund: \$ 3,008.32
Facility Maintenance: \$ 88.13
Missions: \$ 259.00
Noise Offering: \$ 112.50



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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