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Lessons from the Potter, the Shepherd,
the Unjust Manager, and the Poor

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 14, 2025

CHARLTON CHURCH

A United Methodist Community

Where Faith Meets Life

Love boldly. Serve joyfully. Lead courageously.

† 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

God calls to the lost, the least,
and all who long for home;

**God calls when we wander from the path chosen for
us and waste the gifts we have been given.**

God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

**let us celebrate and rejoice
in God's presence forever;
as we worship together.**

† HYMN

"The Goodness of God"

Ben Fielding | Brian Johnson | Ed Cash | Jason Ingram | Jenn Johnson

I love You, Lord, oh, Your mercy never fails me;
all my days, I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good,
With every breath that I am able,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice; You have led me through the fire,
in darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God.

† UNISON PRAYER

God of abundant grace, may Your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship You this day. Open our eyes to truly see one another, that we might discover Your presence in the smile of a neighbor. Open our ears to the needs of the world, that we might hear Your wisdom in the words spoken around us. And open our hearts to Your grace and love, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. Amen.

ANTHEM

TIME OF PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

† 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

Luke 15:1-10

MESSAGE

Pastor Miguel

A MOMENT OF REFLECTION

In what ways can you embody
the love and dedication of the Good Shepherd,
particularly towards someone
who may feel lost or isolated in your community?

HYMNS OF RESPONSE

"Gentle Shepherd"

William J. and Gloria Gaither

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
for we need You to help us find our way.
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us,
for we need Your strength from day to day.
There's no other we can turn to,
who can help us face another day.
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
for we need You to help us find our way.

"God Is So Good"

God is so good, God is so good.
God is so good, God's so good to me.
God cares for me, God cares for me.
God cares for me, God's so good to me.
God loves me so, God loves me so.
God loves me so, God's so good to me.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION and OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY

All praise to Thee: the Father, Son,
and to the Spirit, Three in One.
Now bless these gifts we bring to You,
and all the work You'd have us do. Amen.

† 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 strength and courage to offer ourselves more fully to You, so that we may be Your heart and hands in the world today. Amen.

† HYMN

"Once a Sheep Was in a Pasture"

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette | Ludwig Van Beethoven

Once a sheep was in a pasture
with the other ninety-nine.
Their good shepherd loved those hundred,
and he told them, "You are mine!"
As the hundred grazed together,
for some reason yet untold,
one found she was separated
from the shepherd, from the fold.

Shepherd, sometimes we face trouble,
far from others, far from You.
There are different ways we struggle,
different things that we can do.
There are times we're prone to wander;
there are times we're pushed away.
Shepherd, by Your love you find us —
then in joy You celebrate!

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Like a shepherd, Lord, You know us
and the songs our spirits sing.
You accept us and You love us —
and You know the gifts we bring.
With our signing, with our voices,
with our hearts, may we express:
Shepherd, by Your love You find us —
we are Yours, and we are blessed!

Shepherd, by Your love You find us,
then You send us out in turn
to seek out all Your beloved
and to bring the wounded home.
As we lead and help each other,
as we advocate and pray,
may we shepherd one another
on Your faithful, loving Way.

† **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

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

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.

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 discipleship hour.

SHARING IS NOT ALWAYS CARING

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, Sep 14	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Charlton Worship Service
Mon, Sep 15	10:30 am	Chair Yoga
Tue, Sep 16	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wed, Sep 17	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Perkins
	10:30 am	Chair Yoga
Thu, Sep 18	10:30 am	Cardio and Strength Class
	6:00 pm	Hot Topix Dinner Discussion
Fri, Sep 19	10:30 pm	Chair Yoga
Sun, Sep 21	10:00 am	Charlton Worship Service

WORSHIP INFO

SERMON SERIES

We continue our sermon series entitled "Images" which explores profound biblical images of the potter, the shepherd, the unjust manager and the poor, that illuminate God's character and the call to live out our faith in a complex world.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in front of the pulpit today are in loving memory of 'Daddy' by Penny and John Arnold.

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.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GO TO SCHOOL

There are a variety of classes available on Sunday mornings for people of all ages. Come, join the conversation!

MISSION INFO

GIVING GRACE COLLECTION

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

MISSION OFFERING

The mission offering for September supports the Family Promise program here at Charlton Church. This ministry works with families to avoid homelessness or walks alongside them as they work towards finding a new home.

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 to deliver them.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MISSION CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year's golf tournament Oct 3rd will benefit Family Promise. For more info, visit www.CharltonChurch.org/golf

MISCELLANEOUS INFO

SECOND HAND DONATIONS

If you are cleaning out closets and need to get rid of some things, we encourage you to make your donations to Community Aid. Clothes may be placed in the box in our parking lot. Other items can be taken to their store at 4405 Lewis Rd. IMPORTANT: Be sure to tell them that you are from Charlton Church #10038, as they provide a donation to the church based on the weight of all donations. In August, we received a check for \$808. You may also take your donation to Blue Mountain Thrift Store in the Karns' plaza, as they have a similar program.

Last Week's Prayer Requests

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Carol Brown, Bernadette Kreiser, Tom Blakeslee;

ONGOING:

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

WEEK 2:

Fran Arenas, Wendy Criste's parents, James Saur, Antonio, Budd family, Don Hannon, Arnold Holmes, Fran, Marcia, Matthew;

WEEK 3:

Frannie Arenas, Marianne Eagle, Clyde Fanus, Dick Young, Michael, family of Terry Hicklin;

WEEK 4:

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

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:

- Charlton Preschool
- 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 September 7, 2025

Worship Attendance: 85

General Fund: \$ 7,601.04

Facility Maintenance: \$ 693.31

Missions: \$ 287.48



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, be sure to 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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