



Treasure Map to Heaven

Misunderstood Instructions



CHARLTON CHURCH
A United Methodist Congregation

Where Faith Meets Life

Sunday, August 14, 2022
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sanctuary Worship at 9:00 am and 11:00 am

We Gather to Worship and Pray

Please note that during the “Treasure Map to Heaven” sermon series, we will not be using any projections. All lyrics, hymn numbers, and prayers are printed in the bulletin.

THE GATHERING and WELCOME

† **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

God of the prophets, speak to us today

that we may learn Your will for our lives.

God of the poets, remind us how much You love us,

that we may be encouraged to love others.

God of the disciples, teach us how to follow You,

that we may be strengthened for our journey.

† **HYMN**

“How Firm a Foundation” (#529)

How firm a foundation, yet saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!

What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee,
and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

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"When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

† UNISON PRAYER

Holy Lord, You have called us this day to open our hearts, our minds, and our spirits to hear Your words of encouragement, healing, and hope. Instill within us the wisdom, patience and willingness to serve You in all that we do. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

We Hear Your Word Proclaimed

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection.

Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

RESPONSE

“Lord, What a Cloud of Witnesses”

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette | Thomas Tallis

Lord, what a cloud of witnesses
surrounds us as we work and pray!
Their faithful, loving service is
an inspiration every day.

We live in towns that others made;
we harvest what we did not sow —
and others sweated, labored, prayed
to build Christ's church in which we grow.

Your Spirit gives us memory;
Now give your church clear vision, too.
Reformed, reforming, may we be
A church that seeks to follow you.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he
arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

† GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’ He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?’

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Miguel

“Misunderstood Instructions”

Questions to ponder:

Have you had moments in your life that, like John Wesley, you felt your heart ‘strangely warmed’?

What are the ‘mysteries of God’ that you now more clearly understand through your life’s experience and relationship with God?

We Respond and Go Forth to Serve

† **RESPONSE**

“God of Grace and God of Glory” (#577)

Harry Emerson Bosdick | John Hughes

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

TIME OF PRAYER

SHARING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

THE INVITATION and OFFERTORY

† THE 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.

† THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN

“Soon and Very Soon” (#706)
Andrae Crouch

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.

No more dying there, we are going to see the King;
No more dying there, we are going to see the King;
No more dying there, we are going to see the King;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.

No more crying there, we are going to see the King;
No more crying there, we are going to see the King;
No more crying there, we are going to see the King;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.

† 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

Whether you're visiting or looking for a new church, we're glad that you're 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

With an increased number of persons infected with the coronavirus, now is not the time to get complacent in our actions. Please remember to observe social distancing whenever possible. If you have not been fully vaccinated, we highly encourage you to wear a mask. If you do not feel well, please stay home. Please remember that those sitting in the rear of the sanctuary must remain masked at all times. 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 box. 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 5 thru grade 5, meets during the 9:00 am worship service.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE AT CHARLTON CHURCH

Tuesday, Aug 16	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
Wednesday, Aug 17	10:30 am	Cardio, Strength, and Balance Class
Thursday, Aug 18	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
	6:00 pm	Hot Topix Dinner Discussion

Please note that Church Office Hours until Labor Day will be Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 am to 12 Noon.

WORSHIP INFO

FLOWERS AND BULLETINS

Today's flowers are in honor of Rick Hoover's heavenly birthday by his wife Kathy.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests should be written into the Prayer Journal, located outside the sanctuary doors. They will then be shared during the service and other gatherings.

GROWTH INFO

BIBLE STUDY IDEAS

Do you have a particular book of the Bible or topic that you would like the pastor to lead a study on? Sign up on the Connection Card.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you have anything to be included in the Fall 2022 church newsletter, please be sure they are either emailed to newsletter@charltonchurch.org or turned into the church office by Wednesday, August 18.

FELLOWSHIP INFO

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP

Be sure to sign up on your Connection Card for our monthly fellowship gatherings.

The Hot Topix Dinner Discussion will be on Thursday, August 18 at 6:00 pm.

The Meet 'n' Eat Luncheon will be held on Thursday, August 25 at 12 Noon and will be at Red Lobster.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

If you're looking for a way to get involved in a project at Charlton Church and to enjoy the fellowship of our church family, you may want to consider being part of this year's Christmas Craft Show. A meeting to begin planning for this year's event will be held on Sunday, August 28 at 10:10 am in the church parlor.

Stewardship Report for August 7, 2022

Attendance in Worship – 74

GENERAL FUND REPORT

General Fund: \$ 7,524.30
Mission Offering: \$ 2,235.49

MORTGAGE RE PORT

Previous Balance \$ 97,984.20
Debt Reduction \$ 803.80
New Balance \$ 97,180.40

SERVICE INFO

GIVING GRACE ITEM OF THE WEEK

We are in need of toothpaste for our Giving Grace distribution.

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

The youth will be having a day of service in late August. If you have an odd job that they youth can help with, please send an email to sarah@charltonchurch.org or call the church office.

AUGUST COLLECTION

During the month of August, we will be collecting individually wrapped snack items to share with the First Responders in our area. If you would like to help assemble the gift baskets, please contact Marcy Miller at 717-574-6172.

MONTHLY MISSION

This month's mission is Someone To Tell it To. This local ministry now reaches people around the world, offering a compassionate ear to those experiencing difficult days.

CAROLINE ALLEN INITIATIVE

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to our initiative to serve the children and families of our community. So far, we have raised \$1,640 towards our \$2,000 challenge match! Donations may be placed in the offering box.

MISCELLANEOUS INFO

WE NEED YOUR STORIES

The Finance Committee would like your input as they prepare future financial updates. If you have any stewardship stories or experiences with tithing, please share them with the church office.

MEMBER PROFILE

Please contact the office if you have not received the packet of information with information about an administrative change and a financial report. Be sure to fill out and return the Member Profile. You can place these in the bin on the credenza at the entrance to the sanctuary, or mail them to the church office.

UMC QUESTIONS

We are planning a follow-up on the article that appeared in our recent newsletter about the future of the UMC. If you have any questions, please send them to the office so that they can be addressed.

PICKLES FOR SALE

Sign up on today's Connection Card if you would like to order pickles. They are \$7 a quart and will be available on August 28.

LOW IMPACT CLASSES

Chair Yoga classes are held Tuesdays/Thursdays at 9am, Cardio Strength and Balance class will be on Wednesdays at 10:30am. Join us in the gym for a \$2 or \$3 donation.

Prayer Requests for Sunday, August 14, 2022

LAST WEEK'S REQUESTS:

The people of Ukraine and Russia, the leaders of all nations; Rick Ebert, Jeff Garber, Wendy Johnson, Bernadette Kreiser, Dick, Karen, Scott Portzline, David Till.

PREVIOUSLY:

Scott Enterline, Yvonne Fry, Barbara Hartman, Alex Holmes, Jeanne and Bash; Lyda Fuller; Rick Shaff, Jeff Smith, Dave Stine, Jean Ward, Tom Simons; Joyce Bingaman, Ruth Syer; Abby Jones, Kelly, Rose Wolfe; Judy McMillen, Jan Stoner, Zoe Mumford.

WE CONTINUALLY PRAY FOR:

- All those who are affected by the coronavirus
- Charlton Church and leadership, Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball, Bishop Cynthia Moore-KoiKoi, District Superintendent Rev. Barry Robison
- Our World Vision families: Dieulene in Haiti and Narek in Armenia

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