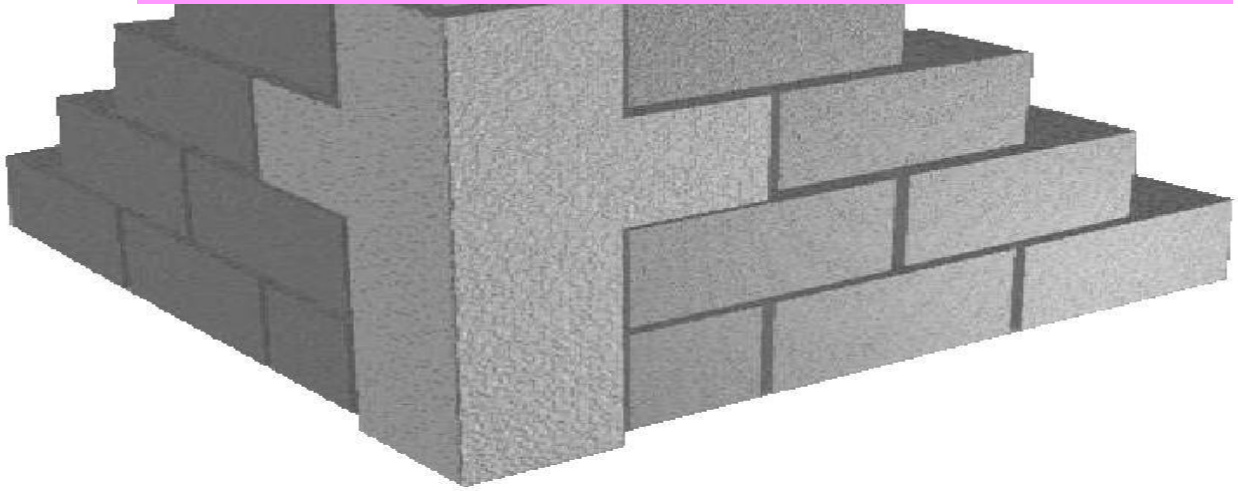




19th Sunday after Pentecost

4th October 2026

Baptism of Charlotte Ann Moore



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the triune God, the Creator of heaven and earth and God's ownership of all things (Psalm 24:1). In God's sovereignty, God has allowed other groups to migrate to these shores. We acknowledge the cultures of our First Nations Peoples and are thankful for the community that we share together now.

Cantor: Thank you for joining our Service today, as we celebrate the 19th Sunday in the season of Pentecost. Today we also welcome the family and loved ones of Charlotte Ann Moore who have come today for her to be baptised. We welcome those watching via livestream. I invite you to stand to sing our opening hymn.

Opening Hymn: They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity
may one day be restored.
*And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land.

And they'll know ...

We will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
we will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each one's dignity
and save each one's pride.
And they'll know ...

All praise to the Father,
from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus,
His only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit,
who makes us one.
And they'll know ...

© As One Voice CCL Licence no: 89934

Minister's Welcome

Open our lips, O Lord; **and we shall declare your praise.**
O God, make speed to save us. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

The Sentence

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. (Matthew 21: 42)

Prayer of Approach

Assistant: Knowing the goodness of God and His generous love towards us, let us approach His throne of grace,

**Lord of the earth and everything in it, Creator of the land and sea:
cleanse our hands and purify our hearts, that we may stand in your presence and
worship you; keep us from idolatry, save us from making false promises,
that we may seek your face and receive your blessing:
for you are the Lord almighty, the king of glory –
we open the door of our hearts as you come among us. Amen.**

Minister:

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders, and, by your doing, he has been made the chief cornerstone: grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us, we may become living stones built up into your dwelling place, a temple holy and acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

The first reading is from the book of Exodus chapter 20, verses 1 to 4, 7-9, then 12-20.

¹And God spoke all these words:

²"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³"You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

⁷"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labour and do all your work...

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵"You shall not steal.

¹⁶"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.

¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour."

¹⁸When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance ¹⁹and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die."

²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning."

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm for today is number 19.

¹The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

²**Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.**

³They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

**⁴Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.**

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

**⁶It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.**

⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

⁸The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

**¹⁰They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.**

¹¹By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²But who can discern their own errors?

Forgive my hidden faults.

¹³Keep your servant also from wilful sins; may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

**¹⁴May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

as in the beginning, so now and forever. Amen.

The second reading is from the book of Philippians, chapter 3, verses 4b – 14.

⁴If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song: Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,

The peace that was meant to be,
With God as our Father,
Brothers all are we;

Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow;

Hearing the Gospel of our Lord

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 21 verses 33 - 46.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

³³"Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵"The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.

³⁸"But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' ³⁹So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

⁴¹"He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes?"

⁴³"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon: Rev Juleen will be speaking today

An Explanation of Baptism

The minister explains the role of baptism within the faith journey of a disciple of Christ.

The Confession

Deacon: Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image,
forgive us when we turn away from you. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death. Rescue us from slavery to sin.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: Please stand to hear God's promise of forgiveness.

Minister:

Almighty God have mercy on you. Forgive you your sins and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

© Covenant Song CCL Licence no: 89934

Presentation of Charlotte Ann Moore

The minister speaks to those who bring their child for baptism.

Declaration of Decision

The minister speaks to the parents calling them to declare their faith.

The minister says to the congregation:

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ.

Will you support them in this calling?

We will.

The minister now prays for Charlotte and addresses the parents, godparents and congregation.

The Baptism

The minister comes to the baptismal and begins the thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit. We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

And now we give you thanks that you have called Charlotte to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that she who is baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May she die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Charlotte has been brought here for baptism. Let us all join Charlotte's parents and godparents in affirming the faith into which Charlotte is to be baptised.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith: We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Then the minister pours water on the child saying,

Charlotte Ann Moore, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The minister makes a cross on the head of the child saying:

Charlotte, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

The congregation joins in responding,

Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

The deacon lights a candle from the Pascal Candle for the child.

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Jenny Dacombe, as representative of the Mothers' Union will pray for the parents and child.

Heavenly Father,

You called your followers out of darkness into his marvellous light.

May, together, we shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

We thank you that through the death and resurrection of your Son, you have brought us from death to life. Enable us by your Spirit to resist the power of sin and give ourselves to you as a living sacrifice. May we not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our mind, so that we serve and please you in every way. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for the parents and godparents of Charlotte. Give them the spirit of wisdom and love, that they may teach Charlotte by word and example to fulfil the promises made today. In our homes, give us the joy that comes from being faithful followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Jenny Dacombe will present a welcome gift from Mothers' Union.

Rod Thomson will present a Bible to Lee, praying for his role as father.

The Presentation of Charlotte Ann Moore to the Congregation

Let us welcome our newest member, Charlotte Ann Moore, and her family to our community. God has called you in to his Church.

**We therefore receive and welcome you,
As a member with us of the body of Christ,
As a child of one heavenly Father,
And as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

Certificate of Baptism is presented, and Charlotte is presented to the congregation.

The Prayer of the Week

Generous God, whose hand is open to fill all things living with plenteousness: make us ever thankful for your goodness, and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers for the world and our community.

The intercessor on the roster will prepare prayers for:

A prayer for the world ... A prayer for all in authority ... A prayer for the church ...

A prayer for our community, and those on our prayer list ...

Let us pray together,

As we bring all our prayers before you, we ask that you go before us in all we do. Strengthen us with your kindness and help, so that everything we begin, continue, and complete may bring honour to your name. And in the end, by your mercy, bring us into everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer at the time of choosing an incumbent.

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Please pray with me the prayer Jesus taught his disciples:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Confession

Assistant: Confident of God's goodness and his willingness to forgive us, let us bring the confession of sins before him.

Most merciful Father,

we admit that we can't do this on our own—we need your help.

We've strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We've followed too much the desires of our own hearts,

and failed you in our thoughts, our words, and our actions.

We have left undone the good things we should have done.

Only you can save us.

Have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and teach us how to forgive others.

Grow in us the fruit of your Spirit,

so that we can live the new life you've called us to—all for your glory.

We pray this in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen

Assistant: Please stand to hear God's promise of forgiveness.

Promise of Forgiveness

Our holy God forgives everyone who truly turns back to him and trusts in his good news.

So we ask him to give us real repentance and the gift of his Holy Spirit, so that what we do now will bring him joy, and the way we live from here on will be pure and holy. Then, at the end, we'll share in his eternal joy—through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ his Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say 'I am strong,'
let the poor say, 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us;

And now let the weak say 'I am strong,'
let the poor say, 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.'
Give thanks.

© Mission Praise CCL Licence no: 89934

Giving and Offerings The minister will pray over the offerings.

Thanksgiving and Communion

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks because you called us to follow your Son, to be his witnesses, to be a priesthood who serve and worship you, our God and Father.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

And now, gracious God, we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine,
and pray that we who receive them, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
according to our Saviour's word, in remembrance of his suffering and death,
may share his body and blood.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and when he had given you thanks,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith,

We eat this bread and drink this cup **to proclaim the death of the Lord.**

We do this until he returns. **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Father as we recall his saving death and glorious resurrection, may we who share these gifts be renewed by your Holy Spirit and united in the body of your Son.

Bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom,
there to feast at your table and join in your eternal praise:

**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive praise and honour and glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

We who are many are one body, **for we all share in the one bread.**

Let us draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in our hearts with thanksgiving.

Commitment to live out our worship of the Lord

Gracious God thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love and that we are living members of Christ's body.

Most loving God, by whose power we are created, and by whose love we are redeemed: Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love for one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements: Please refer to the church newsletter for notices.

May the love of Jesus Christ bring us wholeness, the grace of God the Father grant us peace, the breath of Holy Spirit ignite in us passion and the unity between them give us strength; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: I the Lord of Sea and Sky

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord; is it I, lord?
I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain;

I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am...

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am...

© Together in Song CCL Licence no: 89934