

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Charlotte: The God of ages past and days to come is here, inviting us to worship and praise.

Many Voices: The God of promises and challenges is with us, calling us to faithful service.

Charlotte: The God of boundless love is present now, making every one of God's promises possible.

Many Voices: God shows up among us whenever we meet God and our neighbors with open hearts, minds, and hands.

Charlotte: God, open our lives to receive your blessings, that we may share together in the joy, wonder, and laughter of your miraculous works all around us.

Many Voices: Amen.

*Opening Hymn

UMH #100

"God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us" (*verses 1,3 & 4*)

*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Charlotte: God of wonder and love, you revealed yourself to Abraham in the three visitors, and you reveal your fullness to us in your Son, Jesus Christ. Your Spirit fills your people with hope through the peacemaking cross of Jesus. Gather us now as Christ's faithful disciples, and empower us with his good news. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray.

All: Amen.

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Gracious God, you meet us in the ordinariness of welcome, and you plant seeds of laughter that bloom into life. As Abraham and Sarah offered their hospitality and received the promise of new life, so we offer our gifts in trust and gratitude. Bless these gifts, O God, that they may bear witness to your goodness and extend joy, hope, and welcome to the world you so love. May our giving be a reflection of our faith, and may our faith be full of laughter. In the name of the one who brings life out of impossibility, Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson
New Testament Lesson

Genesis 18:1-15 (CEB)
Romans 5:1-8 (CEB)

Charlotte: The Word of God for the People of God.
Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song	"Faith Is Patience in the Night"	TFWS #2211
Proclaiming	"Abraham's Faith 2"	Pastor Dave
Praying Joys & Concerns Prayers for the People Lord's Prayer		
*Closing Hymn	"Give Me Jesus"	W&S #3140
*Dismissal with Blessing		
Going Forth to the World		
