

**Holocaust Speaker Scheduled:
Dr. Robert May**

**Sunday, September 18
9:15 am in Wesley Hall**

Now a retired Birmingham physician, Bob May enjoyed early childhood with his brothers growing up in Camberg, Germany. Until - when he was 7 - Hitler came into power and antisemitism exploded around him and his Jewish family. Come hear his incredible story of escape, survival, and gratitude at this special combined Sunday school class.



**Next Sunday is
Gideon Sunday!**

September 25

Canterbury is proud to recognize Gideons International - an association of Christian business and professional men who distribute over 200,000 bibles a day to hotels, motels, hospitals, jails, and schools for military and emergency personnel. Gideons will be taking an offering as we leave church next Sunday, and we encourage your support of this worthy cause that impacts lives for Christ in more than 190 countries all over the world.



Special Announcements

Thanksgiving for the Life of

Mallory G. Carper..... 9/8/16
Nona McKee..... 9/4/16

In Hospital/Rehab as of 09/14/16

Ralph Sorrell..... Brookwood-Baptist

Worship Service Schedule

8:15 amNew Traditions Worship..... Chapel - Rev. Tori Hastings
10:30 amTraditional Worship Sanctuary - Rev. Drew Clayton
10:30 amContemporary Worship..... Canterbury Center - Rev. Dale Cohen
5:00 pm.....The WAY..... Chapel - Mr. Brian Ward

Roses on the Altar

Mary Elizabeth "Mae" Brown, daughter of Charla & Andrew Brown was born on September 8, 2016.



For a full listing of this week's upcoming events, please pick up a printed copy of the *Canterburian Express* in the Narthex or at the main reception desk. For even more information, please see our website at www.CanterburyUMC.org/Newsletters.

Traditional Worship

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREACHING — REV. DREW CLAYTON

LITURGIST — REV. SAM WILLIAMSON

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST — DR. LESTER SEIGEL

**Spiritual Beings in Search of
Becoming More Human**

*"And being found in human form, [Jesus] humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross."
(Philippians 2:8, NRSV)*

Jesus was both fully divine and fully human. This statement is a theological paradox. We can only affirm it through faith. In his full humanity, Jesus lived a perfect life. In doing so, he showed us the possibilities of our humanity. Most of us use the fact that we are humans as an excuse for our inability to be fully obedient to God. We act as if our humanity is a limiting factor. It is not.

I think our confusion comes from the perspective we take about "what" kind of beings we are. Most of us see ourselves as human beings in search of becoming more spiritual. In reality, we are spiritual beings in search of becoming more human. By "more human," I mean it in the sense that Jesus' life represents the fullest expression of humanity. I like the way C.S. Lewis put it:

"You don't have a soul. You are a soul. You have a body." ~ C.S. Lewis

Your soul is "who" you are. Your soul is the essence of you. Your soul is the being-ness that lies at the core of you. It just so happens that your soul is clothed in a body in the same way your body is clothed in the garments you wear. You are NOT your clothes. You are NOT your body. You ARE your soul. It is in your eternal soul (or your eternal being) that you can connect to the eternal God.

Through this soul connection with the eternal God, we discover God's intention for how we are to interact in this world—this is also known as God's will for our lives. By paying attention to our souls, we get a glimpse of how God wants us to live. Then we are challenged to embody God's will through our humanity in the same way Jesus embodied God's will in his body. This embodiment is the process of becoming more human.

When we neglect our souls, we are choosing to ignore God's will for us. We fall prey to our will, to our desires, and to our selfishness, and we become less human. We hurt others. We minimize our relationships. And we suffer from a diminished life.

God's will is never meant to diminish our lives. As a matter of fact, God's will for us always leads to the fullest expression of who we are in all of our beauty and creativity. Fulfilling God's will is not as much about sacrifice as it is about finding the fullness of life that God intends for us to have. In union with God, as Christ was in union with God, we are obedient to God and become the best humans that we can be.

Dale R. Cohen

Dale Cohen, Senior Pastor

WELCOME CHILDREN! —Parents, make sure your children get a worship activity pack in the Narthex entrance area. The Children's Comfort Room is also adjacent to the Narthex.



Hearing assist devices and large print hymnals available — ask an usher for help.



**FOLLOW Jesus...
SERVE OTHERS...**

Order of Morning Worship

*Congregation Please Stand

Words in bold type are spoken or sung by the congregation.

Voluntary Fugue in G Major Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Parish Notices

Collect *The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.*

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Pour your love into our hearts, and draw us to yourself. Bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* Processional Hymn 545 The Church's One Foundation AURELIA

* 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 rose 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 MEINEKE

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.

* Passing of the Peace *The Peace of the Lord be with you, and also with You.*

Children's Moment Rev. Sam Williamson

Infant Baptism Caroline Blakely Hart See insert
Cavander Phillip Speegle

Call to Prayer I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say Thomas Tallis

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
and in your weariness lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water;
thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till pilgrim days are done. (Horatius Bonar, 19th c.)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Our Gifts and Music

Offertory Anthem My Soul's Been Anchored Spiritual, arr. Parker-Shaw
Keith Brandenburg, solo

In the Lord, in the Lord; my soul's been anchored in the Lord.
Before I'd stay in hell one day, I'd sing and pray myself away.
I'm going to pray and never stop, until I reach the mountain top.
My soul's been anchored in the Lord!

* Doxology OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Hymn of Preparation 548 In Christ There Is No East or West McKEE

Epistle Lesson Colossians 3: 15 – 17
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Sermon An Eye Filled With Light Rev. Drew Clayton

* Hymn of Commitment 547 O Church of God, United ELLACOMBE

* Dismissal & Blessing

* Recessional Prayer Ted Clark, cantor

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that the words we have said and sung this day may be so grafted and guarded in our hearts, that our lives may bring forth good fruits, and our lips shall show forth Thy praise, to the honor and glory of Thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Want to know more about Following Jesus and Serving Others? To make Canterbury your home church, contact Rev. Tori Hastings at 868-6580 or tori.hastings@canterburyumc.org.