

THE CHURCH AS JESUS' RESURRECTED BODY

"As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:4-5, NRSV)

The apostle Paul was especially fond of referring to the church as the body of Christ. In his Corinthian letters, he used this reference at least 18 times as a powerful and poetic metaphor. The metaphor used in 1 Peter is even more appealing to me than Paul's metaphor. Jesus was the living stone upon which God intended to build his temple (God's dwelling place). We rejected him and even put him to death on a cross. Ever a graceful Father, God raised Jesus back to life. The resurrection of Jesus had a cascading effect whereby God's grace was made available to those who believe. By receiving God's grace, we become "like living stones," and are being crafted into a container (the church) that embodies the resurrected Jesus. As the resurrected body of Jesus, we are to continue the work that Jesus began when he walked the earth.

Most of us fail to internalize the reality that we are to embody Jesus in everything we do and to do so in every moment of our lives. We tend to "do" church instead of "being" the church. We see church as something for which we show up, do the usual routine, and then return to the life we live outside the church. The danger is that we compartmentalize our lives so that our life of service is relegated to serving in the church or on the occasional mission trip. We fail to see how whatever our vocation (literally, our calling), we are called to embody the life and legacy of Jesus Christ. Whatever we do, we are to carry Jesus into the world. This is what it means for the church to be the resurrected body of Jesus.

Please note: If you haven't responded to the survey in the email link you received from the church, please complete the survey as soon as possible. The link will go inactive on May 12th, and we would love to hear from you and from each member of your family from youth age on up. Thanks for your attention to this important matter.

Dale R. Cohen

Rev. Dale Cohen
Senior Pastor

For a full listing of upcoming events and announcements please contact Linda Carpenter at the front desk for a printed copy of the Express, or go to www.CanterburyUMC.org/Newsletters.

WELCOME!

Contemporary Worship

CANTERBURY CENTER
PREACHING — REV. TORI HASTINGS
LITURGIST — REV. SAM WILLIAMSON
MAY 7, 2017



THIS WEEK'S TOP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION STATION: We are now offering a gluten-free communion station in Section C (in front of the windows) on Communion Sundays! If you are gluten intolerant, please go to the server at this station who is holding the basket with the red ribbon on the handle, and tell him/her that you need the gluten-free option.

COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING: This offering will go to local ministries working with our community's poor.

UPDATE FOR LENTEN OFFERING: You may recall that the children of Canterbury were raising money during Lent to support Heifer International. Specifically, they wanted to raise \$500 to purchase water buffalos which serve as "living tractors" for families in Africa. With the support and generosity of the Canterbury congregation, \$1412.34 was raised. Thank you to all who supported our children and shared God's love with people far away.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

In Hospital/Rehab as of 5/4/2017

Joyce Swisdak.....Grandview
Pat Alley.....St. Vincent's
Sarah Crabb.....St. Vincent's

Congratulations to Meredith Taylor Meelheim & Jonathan Edward Heath who were united in holy matrimony on May 6th.

Congratulations to Katherine Leighton Brown & John Fleetwood Burkett who were united in holy matrimony on May 6th.

The rose on the Baptismal Font is in honor of Dupree Ella Williams, daughter of Grace & Harris Williams & granddaughter of Sunny & Hal Tillman, who was born on April 14th.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP



Welcome and Announcements
Rev. Sam Williamson



Passing the Peace



Songs of Praise
Marvelous Light
You Never Let Go



The Apostles' Creed



Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer



Offering Our Gifts and Music
Come As You Are



Scripture
Acts 2: 42-47 (NSRV)



Message
"The Church"
Rev. Tori Hastings



Holy Communion
The Great Thanksgiving



Blessing and Sending Forth
We came to worship.
We go to serve.
Go in peace.

What is God saying to me today?

Prayer for God's Work in Your Life

Heavenly Father, You have filled the world with beauty. Open our eyes to behold Your presence everywhere, that, rejoicing in Your whole creation, we may learn to serve You with joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Join us next Sunday, May 14th

Rev. Tori Hastings

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2017

Anna Frances Adams
Creed Edward Allen
Robert Stevenson Allen II
Reed Coleman Bates
Evelyn Rose Berry
Mary Hollingworth Black
Jackson Edward Burwell
Davis Reid Campbell
Ava Elizabeth Canterbury
Landon Knight Cater
Massey Reed Cater
John Thomas Christian
Olivia Susan Comini
Thomas Geoffrey Cook, Jr.
Colin Preston Couch
Kendall Reed Crabtree
Ella Scott Crane
Braxton Todd Dean
Thomas Varin Dennis
Aidan William Dillion
Lindsey Dixon
Sophie Claire Dixon
Patrick Miller Drummond
Mia Margaret Dunlap
Jack Echols
Charles Lawson Evans
Robert Peter Fruin

Sara Adams Garner
Robert Emory Gillespie III
Ashton Brooke Glaub
Amelia Joy Goeman
Juliana Elizabeth Golden
Carter Edward Goodson
Bergin Whatley Hairston
Kathryn Grace Halsey
Elizabeth Hayden Hawkins
David Allen Hobbs III
Graham Richard Hodges
Sarah Catherine Inskeep
Evan Michael Jack
Matthew Connor Jenkins
John W Johnson III
William Carter Kelley
Louise Margaret Kerr
Ocllo Caroline Kuwica
Julia Gibbs Lawson
Stephen Joseph Lilly
Alaina Garland Long
Grayson Carlisle Long
Jack Burton McDonald, III
Lindsey Katherine McElroy
Robert Reed McElroy
Simeon Wood McElroy
Miles W. McGilberry

Samuel Reid McPherson
Hunter Spencer Morano, Jr.
Charles Clayton Oliver
Vivian Meryl Patrick
Lila Rose Perry
William Clarke Radney
Andrew Parker Robertson
Josephine Acree Robertson
Margaret Dorsey Roebuck
Carson Howell Rouleau
Richard Joseph Schneider IV
Payton AnnaLee Searcy
Abigail Catherine Seton
Margaret Elizabeth Sims
Sarah Hart Smith
Ingrid Frances Smyer
Robert Gordon Sproule III
Lillian Clark Stewart
Frances Lillie Stewart
Elizabeth Leighton Thompson
Breese Sullivan Tierney
Anne Elizabeth Turner
Martha Brannon Volman
Avery Michelle Ward
Elizabeth Massey Watts
Ally Elizabeth Williams
John Bentley Windle, Jr.

We're Glad You're Here Today!

Childcare is available for children younger than 5K during all services. Please check with ushers for locations. Before worship begins, please take a minute to help your children to the restroom, get a clipboard and crayons, and get settled so they will be able to enjoy the entire service. Thank you for helping to make their worship experience reverent and meaningful!

For your convenience a **Comfort Room** is located at the rear of the worship center. Feel free to take advantage of this space where you will still be able to see and hear the worship service.

Children's worship bulletins and Bibles for ages 3 and up are available on tables at the Worship Center entrance. Please be good stewards of our worship area and take worship bulletins/unwanted items out with you as you leave today.

Recycle baskets are located at the exits. Thanks!

Want to know more about Following Jesus and Serving Others?
To make Canterbury your home church, contact Rev. Tori Hastings at 868-6850 or tori.hastings@canterburyumc.org.

FOLLOW JESUS

SERVE OTHERS