

COMMUNION MUSIC (URWB) *Please join in singing the hymn as we receive the elements.*

HYMN 166 Come, God, and Hear My Cry TRENTHAM

HYMN 382 Jesus, Remember Me REMEMBER ME

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. May we be transformed into your image. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

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](mailto:tori.hastings@canterburyumc.org).

## New Traditions Social

April 30 at 9:00 AM

Be sure to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship: on Sunday, April 30, we will end our morning worship a few minutes early for a social on the Chapel patio. Coffee, lemonade, fruit, sweets, and non-sweet breakfast snacks will be offered. If you would be willing to bring some of these snacks or for more information, contact Grace NeSmith at [vgnesmith@gmail.com](mailto:vgnesmith@gmail.com).

## Anne Lamott - Friday, April 7th

Free Book With Ticket

New York Times Best Selling Author Anne Lamott will return to Canterbury Center this week, bringing back all of her wit, humor, and raw honesty in a discussion of her new book "Hallelujah Anyway". \$40 tickets are available. The ticket price includes a free copy of "Hallelujah Anyway." For more information or to purchase tickets now, contact Ellen Thomas at [ellen.thomas@canterburyumc.org](mailto:ellen.thomas@canterburyumc.org).

## Special Announcements

In the Hospital / Rehab (as of March 29)

Anne Collum.....Brookwood

Birth Announcement

The rose on the Sanctuary lectern is placed in honor of Nina Rose Johnson, daughter of Noel & Fanny Johnson, who was born on March 22nd.



### Easter Lilies

To place an Easter lily in memory of or in honor of a friend or loved one, please complete this form:

Placed in Honor \_\_\_\_ Memory \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check for \$15 per lily payable to Canterbury UMC and return it with a copy of this form to the church office or to Paul McCracken, no later than Palm Sunday, April 9.

# NEW TRADITIONS

APRIL 2, 2017

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PREACHING — THE REVEREND TORI HASTINGS

LITURGIST — THE REVEREND DALE COHEN

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST — DOCTOR LESTER SEIGEL

## A LITTLE HELP

*"As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross."  
(Matthew 27:32, NRSV)*

In the Passion narrative in Matthew's Gospel, we read about a bystander who was near the procession that was leading Jesus to Golgotha for his crucifixion. We don't know why he was there or even if he understood what was happening. Did he know Jesus and the reason for his execution? Was his presence near the procession planned or merely a coincidence? All we know about him is his name, and from whence he came—Simon of Cyrene.

Cyrene was somewhere around modern Tripoli, Libya. Simon could have been North African, or he could have been a Jew who relocated to Cyrene. If he were a Jew, it's possible he had made the journey to Jerusalem for Passover. It's also possible Simon could have been a trader, and the only reason he was in town was for business. There is no way for us to know why he was there and how much he knew about the situation. But his presence played a significant role in the story of Jesus' crucifixion.

As was allowed by law, a Roman soldier ordered Simon to assist with carrying the cross that apparently Jesus was too weakened to carry. Having been severely beaten several times before the journey to the cross began, Jesus was already probably near death. I can imagine this service performed by Simon was a great relief to Jesus. Did Simon do it begrudgingly and only because he was compelled to do it, or was his heart filled with compassion for this suffering man? Again, there is no way for us to know.

One of the beautiful things about our church is the compassion that characterizes us. So many people give freely and generously so that the everyday suffering of those around us does not go unnoticed or without some gracious response. Several times this week I have paused to give thanks to God for those in our church who organized, gave support, and packed Little Brown Bags so that children in Birmingham would have something to eat over Spring Break. I gave thanks to God for those in our church who are on the mission trip to Panama and who found a way to build on the work of the Medical Mission Team that was in Panama a couple of weeks ago. I gave thanks to God for the miracle of Encore touching the lives of people and families who are struggling with the effects of Alzheimer's and other cognitive disorders.

We can't always do as much as we would like to do; however, there's always a willingness to do what we can. I thank God for being able to be a part of such a compassionate church. Like Simon of Cyrene, for whatever reason we do what we do, it's making a difference.

*Dale R. Cohen*  
Dale Cohen, Senior Pastor



# ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

\*Congregation Please Stand

URWB - Upper Room Worship Book UMH - United Methodist Hymnal  
Words in bold type are spoken or sung by the congregation.

## WELCOME AND WORSHIP WORDS

\* HYMN 54 (URWB)

Gather Us In, vv. 1 - 3

GATHER US IN

## COLLECT

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

Compassionate God, the wind of your Spirit is the very sign of life for all who long for you. Let our whole lives be filled with the life-breath of the Spirit, that what has lain dormant may burst into bloom, and what looks to us to be death may be revealed as but sleep before the emergence of new life. Amen.

PSALTER READING 848 (UMH)

Psalm 130

\* GOSPEL PROCESSION (sing before and after GOSPEL LESSON)



Lead me, Lord, lead me in Your right - eous-ness,  
make Your way plain be - fore my face.

\* GOSPEL LESSON

John 11: 1 - 45

*The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.*

## SERMON

Rev. Tori Hastings

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN 297 (UMH)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

Pastor: Let us admit to God the sin which always confronts us.

All: Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All pray in silence*

Kyrie 482

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

## Words of Pardon

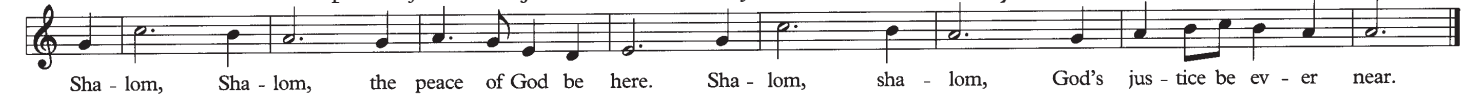
Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

All: **Glory to God! Amen!**

\* THE PEACE

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



Sha - lom, Sha - lom, the peace of God be here. Sha - lom, sha - lom, God's jus - tice be ev - er near.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Lord in your mercy... hear our prayer.*

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Let Thy Merciful Ears, O Lord

Thomas Mudd

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* WESLEY'S GRACE & DOXOLOGY

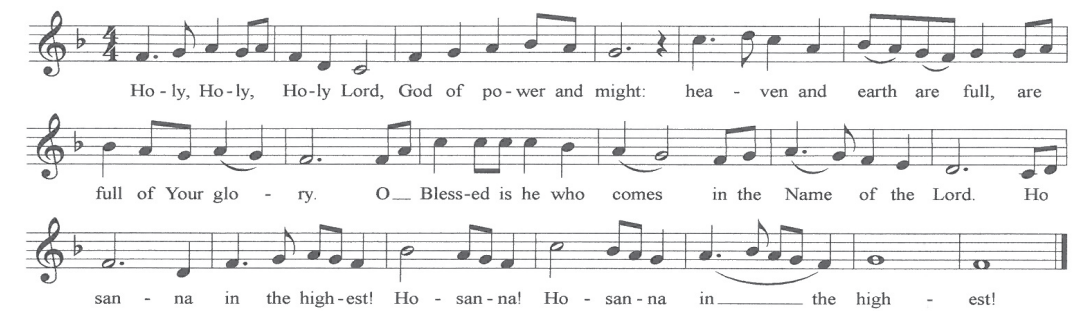
OLD 100TH

Be present at our table, Lord;  
be here and everywhere adored;  
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we  
may feast in paradise with Thee.

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 37-40 (URWB)

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might: hea - ven and earth are full, are  
full of Your glo - ry. O - - Bless - ed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

## THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Christ has died, Christ is ris - sen, Christ will come a - gain!

## AMEN



A - men, A - men, A - - - - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER 454 (URWB, chanted)

FRACTION ANTHEM 413 (URWB)

Agnus Dei

BELL AGNUS

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP BY INTINCTION AND KNEELING *All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Ushers will guide you.*