

COMMUNION MUSIC

ANTHEM

As the Disciples

Lee Hastings Bristol, arr. Seigel

As the disciples, when thy Son had left them, met in a love-feast, joyfully conversing,  
All the stored memories of the Lord's last supper, fondly rehearsing:  
So may we here, who gather now in friendship, seek for the spirit of those earlier churches,  
Welcoming Him who stands, and for an entrance, patiently searches.

As, when their converse closed and supper ended, taking the bread and wine they made thanksgiving,  
breaking and blessing, thus to have communion with Christ the living;  
So may we here, a company of faithful, make this our love-feast and commemoration,  
that in his Spirit we may have more worthy participation.

And as they prayed and sang to thee rejoicing, ere in the night-fall they embraced and parted,  
in their hearts singing as they journeyed homeward, brave and true-hearted;  
So may we here, like grain that once was scattered over the hill-side, now one bread united,  
led by the Spirit, do thy work rejoicing, lamps filled and lighted. (Percy Dearmer)

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 Becky King at 874-1520 or [becky.king@canterburyumc.org](mailto:becky.king@canterburyumc.org).

Pathways Sunday School Class is sponsoring an opportunity to experience a day in the life of our Encore ministry. Join us today to see the wonderful things this program does for our church and community!

Combined Summer Sunday School: If your class is not meeting this summer, join us in Wesley Hall for a combined class. Rev. Warren Nash will speak today from 9:15 - 10:15 AM.

Summer Beginnings Class: Learn more about what it means to be a member of Canterbury after worship today in Wesley Hall. Lunch is provided and childcare is available.

Special Announcements

In the Hospital / Rehab (as of July 12)

- Everett Holle.....Grandview
- Carolynne Kent.....Fair Haven
- Jane Morris.....Brookdale Rehab
- Joseph Nall.....Lakeshore
- Carolyn Smallwood.....St. Martin's Rehab



Flowers in the Chapel

The flowers in the Chapel are placed in honor of Kayleigh Christine Hudson & Matthew James Bennett, who were united in holy matrimony on July 15, 2017.

Flowers in Canterbury Center

The flowers in Canterbury Center are placed in honor of the marriage of Julia Elizabeth Waldrum & Hunter Davis Haley, on July 15, 2017 and in Memory of the bride's grandmother, Bobbie "Mimi" Eddleman.

Roses on the Baptismal Font

The roses on the baptismal font in Canterbury Center are in honor of:

- Sutton Elizabeth Macklem, daughter of Elizabeth & Jon Macklem, who was born July 6, 2017.
- Miller Stevens Terry, Jr., son of Katie & Miller Terry, who was born on July 6, 2017.
- Patrick Todd Hoffman, son of Warren & Brooke Hoffman, who was born on July 10, 2017.

NEW TRADITIONS

JULY 16, 2017

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREACHING — THE REVEREND SHERYL THORNTON

LITURGIST — THE REVEREND WARREN NASH

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST — DOCTOR LESTER SEIGEL

GERALD'S STORY

*"Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love." (1 John 4:8, NRSV)*

We were drinking sweet tea as our chairs rocked back and forth on a hot July afternoon. Gerald was in his eighties. He never said much. When he did speak, it was never kind. He grunted his disapproval of whatever caught his ire, which was almost everything. Then he would be quiet for a long stretch before erupting again on another topic that infuriated him. People did not like to be around him. He drove them away. His wife, his children, and even his old friends were all gone. He was home alone most of the time except for two times a week when he went out.

He went to the grocery store every Wednesday morning. People there pretended not to see him. They didn't want to become the recipient of his latest rant. Many days, the cashier was the unlucky target because there was no way she could avoid Gerald.

On Sunday, Gerald came to church. He sat in the back. He never shook hands. He never stood. He never sang. He never recited a creed or uttered the Lord's Prayer. He never even bowed his head. None of us had any idea why he came because he didn't speak to anybody. As soon as the service was over, he was out the door and in his old pickup truck, headed back to his perch on the front porch where, except for rocking in his chair, you would think you were staring at a granite statue—his face in a frozen grimace. He'd sit there until dark and then mysteriously disappear into the house for the night.

It was a small country church, and so there wasn't much for a pastor to do most days but visit people. People expected me to drop by for a minute—even if I was just passing by on my way somewhere else—and they always had time, and they always had sweet tea. Even Gerald expected me to visit. Why? I'm not sure. But if I didn't, I would be the subject of one of his venomous outbursts to the cashier when he went to the grocery store the next Wednesday.

People in the church pitied me for having to visit Gerald. They didn't understand. I went not because I was supposed to go; I went because I wanted to go. I wanted to learn about the pain that lay beneath the surface, to identify the emotional toxin that poisoned him, or to put a name to the villain that created this angry, sullen caricature of a miserable life. He never let on. Gerald never revealed the source of his misery. He would sit quietly for a while, and then he would spew his venom trying to drive me away—but I wouldn't go until he quieted down again. Once he was calm, I would pray, wish him well, and be on my way.

One time, as I got up to leave, he grabbed my forearm. It startled me that his weathered hand was still almost strong enough to pull me back down to my seat. I started to pull away—but instead, I dropped back into the chair.

I waited for what felt like an eternity not knowing what to expect. Then Gerald spoke.

"What is God like?" he asked sternly.

I was stunned. No ranting. No furious anger. For the first time in my memory, instead of making a brash statement, Gerald asked a question. It was as if there was a tear in the fabric of the universe. At that moment I was presented with both an incredible challenge and a tremendous opportunity. How could I describe what God is like when God, as the Bible says, is the very essence of love? How could I describe that "God is love" to a person who didn't seem to know love? The task felt impossible; yet, sacred. What would you have said to Gerald at that moment? What would you have done?

*Dale R. Cohen*  
Dale Cohen, Senior Pastor



CANTERBURY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# 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 85 (URWB) **Jesus, Come! For We Invite You** HOLY MANNA

COLLECT *The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.*  
**Holy God, may we hear your voice in the stillness of night. When you call us in the clatter of day, help us to respond, Here I am! May we follow you and may we love as you love. Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*All f*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est! Sing glo - ry to God! \_\_\_\_\_  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth! \_\_\_\_\_

PSALTER READING 789 (UMH) *Sing Response* Psalm 65

\* GOSPEL ALLELUIA (*Sung before and after the Gospel Lesson*)

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

\* GOSPEL LESSON **John 13: 34 - 35**  
*The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.*

SERMON **Love** Rev. Sheryl Thornton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD 148 (URWB) **Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown, vv. 1 & 4** CANDLER

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

## ALL PRAY IN SILENCE

KYRIE 482 (UMH)

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

## WORDS OF PARDON

*In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people. Glory to God!*  
**Alleluia! 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 **Cantate Domino** Hans Leo Hassler (*late 16th c.*)

Sing unto the Lord, all the earth; sing to the Lord, bless His Name.  
Proclaim His salvation from day to day.  
Declare His glory among the nations, and his miraculous glory! (Ps. 96: 1-3)

\* WESLEY'S GRACE & DOXOLOGY

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.

OLD 100TH

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** BELLAGNUS

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