

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.*

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

HYMN 82

For Your Generous Providing

HOLY MANNA

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

LESTER SEIGEL in ORGAN RECITAL
TODAY at 4:00 PM at
Bluff Park United Methodist Church
733 Valley Street, Hoover

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.

Kathy Izard

Coming March 22nd

Noted Author to Speak at "Trust the Whisper" Luncheon

Canterbury and City Lights Ministries will be hosting popular author and speaker Kathy Izard for two inspiring events on Wednesday, March 22nd - a Luncheon Roundtable in Canterbury Hall, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., and an Evening Discussion in Wesley Hall, 7-8 p.m. All are encouraged to come hear how her amazing faith journey enabled her to find homes for 100 homeless in Charlotte, NC. \$15 Admission for the Luncheon, the Evening Discussion is free. Her book "The Hundred Story Home" is available in Canterbury's Adult Resource Center. For tickets and information, contact Cindy McDougald at cindy.mcdougald@canterburyumc.org. Visit www.canterburyumc.org/KathyIzard for more information.

Special Announcements

In the Hospital / Rehab (as of March 1)

Amanda Payne.....Grandview

Thanksgiving for the Life of

Carolyn Warren.....February 22, 2017

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar are placed in honor of Brooke Drinkard and Nick Whatley, who were united in holy matrimony on March 4th.



NEW TRADITIONS

MARCH 5, 2017

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PREACHING — THE REVEREND SAM WILLIAMSON

LITURGIST — THE REVEREND WARREN NASH

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST — DOCTOR LESTER SEIGEL

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7, NRSV)

Having faith in God is easy when things are smooth sailing. It's when we face the unpredictable challenges that faith becomes more difficult. Trusting in God through these challenges will enable greater resilience to the ever-changing circumstances of life. Recognizing the ways God is at work in the midst of change will increase our faith in God.

Over the past several weeks, we announced some changes in our senior staff that will leave some big shoes to fill. Since those announcements, we have been working with the Staff-Parish Team of the church to make plans for both the short-term and the long-term needs of Canterbury. Here is a summary of the decisions thus far:

1. Rev. Tori Hastings will be the Director of Age-Level Ministries (formerly Whole Life Spirituality) and will supervise the staff leading Children's Ministries, Student Ministries, Family Ministries, Adult Ministries, and Older Adult Ministries.
2. One of the vacancies we have is the Director of Children's Ministries. We are already involved in the search for the perfect person to lead this vital ministry at Canterbury. In the interim period, Amy Dobbins, a member who serves on the Children's Ministries Leadership Team, will oversee Children's Ministries until the hiring of a new director.
3. In dialogue with Rob Hubbard, who serves over Student Ministries, we are increasing our staff resources in this area. In addition to Rob's role as Coordinator of Student Ministries, Brian Ward will become the Director of Student and Family Ministries. Brian's new role reflects the importance of ministering to the whole family.
4. Brian Ward's new assignment leaves a gap in our Adult Ministries. A restructured position called Director of Adult and Small Group Ministries will fill this gap. A search team is being formed to find a candidate who will serve as the primary staff person resourcing Adult Sunday School and Adult Small Groups. Until this person is in place, Tori and Brian will still be available to assist with any needs in Adult Ministries.
5. After several months of evaluating The Way worship service on Sunday evenings, we determined that it was time to discontinue this service. Although The Way was a meaningful experience for some people, we are exploring other ways to meet the worshiping needs of our congregation at an alternative time.

We have heard you tell us Canterbury needs more focus on our discipleship ministries for all ages, and these changes are a response to your requests. Change always presents challenges, but change also creates opportunities for growth. Let's seek God's peace that guards our hearts and minds as we implement this plan for growth at Canterbury.

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.

Lent is a season which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan. It is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

WELCOME AND WORSHIP WORDS

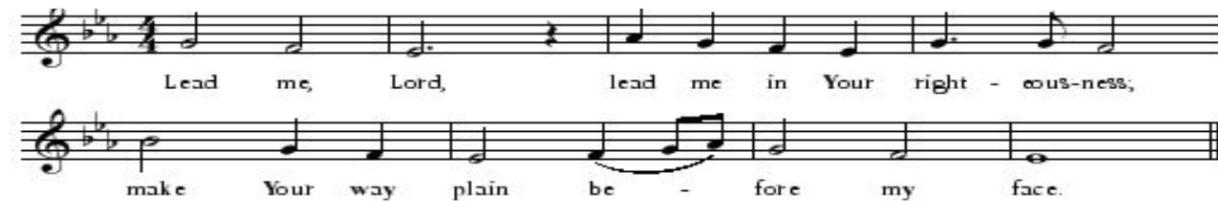
* HYMN 150 (URWB) Spirit, Working in Creation EBENEZER

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

Almighty God, your blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations. And, as you know the weakness of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

PSALTER READING 766 (UMH) Psalm 32

* GOSPEL PROCESSION (sing before and after GOSPEL LESSON)



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

* GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 4: 1 - 11
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Sam Williamson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD
HYMN 127 (UMH) Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Repenting of our sin, we turn to you to lead us in the ways of love, healing, righteousness, and peace, and we pray:
for all who need your healing power, and for all who offer healing through their skill and presence;
and for all who have harmed us, and all whom we have harmed by our action or inaction;

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people, most merciful God. In your compassion, forgive our sins, and free us for lives of joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

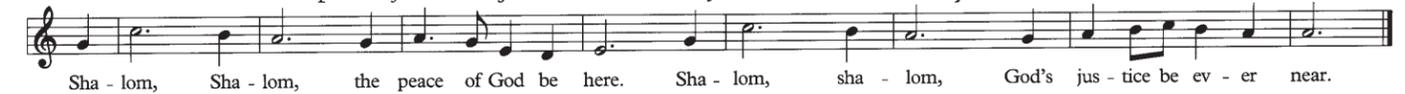
WORDS OF PARDON

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 Jesu, Grant Me This I Pray C. H. Kitson

Jesu, grant me this I pray, ever in thy heart to stay;
Let me evermore abide hidden in thy wounded side.
If the evil one prepare, or the world, a tempting snare,
I am safe when I abide in thy heart and wounded side.
If the flesh, more dangerous still, tempt my soul to deeds of ill,
Naught I fear when I abide in thy heart and wounded side.
Death will come one day to me; Jesu, cast me not from thee;
Dying let me still abide in thy heart and wounded side.

* WESLEY'S GRACE & DOXOLOGY

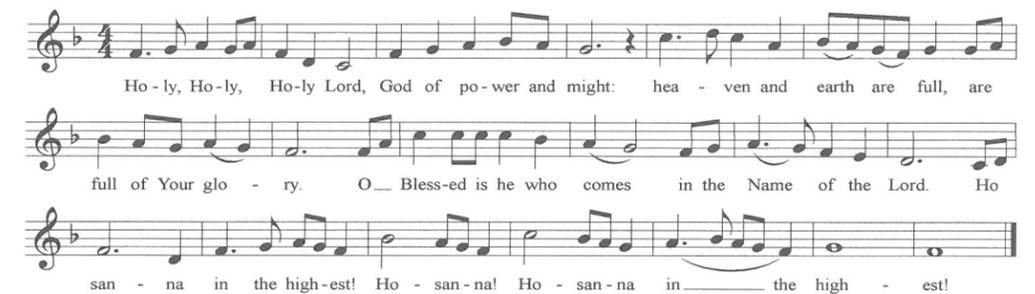
Be present at our table, Lord;
be here and everywhere adored;
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we
may feast in paradise with Thee.

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-wei 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.