

Anthem 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.

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.

* Dismissal & Blessing

* Choral Benediction Land of Rest American Folk Melody
And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide, Yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.

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.

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.

Noon Chapel Services & Lenten Luncheons

April 10-13 at 12 PM

Come celebrate Holy Week at Canterbury's Noonday Worship Services in the Chapel. Each brief service will be followed by a Lenten Luncheon in the Parlor, Monday through Thursday at 12:30 PM.

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.

Traditional Worship

APRIL 2, 2017

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PREACHING — BISHOP MIKE WATSON

LITURGIST — REV. DALE COHEN

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST — DR. 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

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.



CANTERBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SERVE OTHERS...

Order of Morning Worship

*Congregation Please Stand

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

Voluntary Adagio Frank Bridge

Welcome and Parish Notices

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

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 295 In the Cross of Christ I Glory RATHBUN

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!

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

Our Gifts and Music

Offertory Hymn to God Eleanor Daley

Wilt thou forgive that sinne where I begunne, Which was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive that sinne; through which I runne, And do run still: though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, For I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sinne which I have wonne Others to sinne? and, made my sinne their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sinne which I did shun A yeare or two: but wallowed in, a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, For I have more.

I have a sinne of fear, that when I have spunne My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear by thy selfe, that at my death thy sonne Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;
And having done, then thou hast done, I fear no more. (John Donne)

* 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.

* Gospel Procession 298 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, vv. 1 & 2 HAMBURG

* Gospel Lesson Mark 15: 1 - 5

This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Procession 298 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, vv. 3 & 4 HAMBURG

Sermon How Big is Your Christ? Bishop Mike Watson

Hymn of Presentation 616 Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast, vv. 1 & 5 HURSLEY

Presenting the Elements Tommy & Kay Payne

The Great Thanksgiving, *page 17 in Hymnal*

The 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.

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Bread

Fraction Anthem Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus Rebecca Bolding, cantor

Sung Response: Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Baskets are placed in the front of the Sanctuary to receive the Communion Rail Offering which will be shared with local ministries working with our community's poor.

Music During Communion

Anthem A Passiontide Chorale Philip Ledger

Sweet the moments, rich in blessing, Which before the cross I spend,
Life and health and peace possessing, From the sinner's dying Friend.

For Thy sorrows, we adore Thee, For the pains that wrought our peace,
Gracious Saviour, we implore Thee, In our souls Thy love increase.

Here I find my hope of heaven, While upon the Lamb I gaze,
Loving much, and much forgiven, Let my heart o'erflow in praise.

Lord, in ceaseless contemplation, Fix our hearts and eyes on Thee,
Till we taste Thy full salvation, And Thine unveil'd glory see.