

## Vacation Bible School

Register Your Child Now for the Week of June 5th

Registration is now open for Canterbury VBS to be held from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon, Monday through Friday, June 5 - 9. Sign-up online. Contact Amy Dobbins at [amy.dobbins@canterburyumc.org](mailto:amy.dobbins@canterburyumc.org) for more information.

## Combined Summer Sunday School

Starting June 4 in Wesley Hall

Beginning Sunday, June 4 there will be combined Summer Sunday School taught by many members of the church staff in Wesley Hall from 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM. If your Sunday school class isn't meeting for the Summer or if you want to get to better know the staff, join us!

## Holy Land Trip Participants

Please Pray for These Travelers

From May 27 - June 5, twenty nine members and friends of Canterbury will be traveling through the land of the Bible. Please join us in prayer that they have a safe journey, one that will bring the Bible alive in new and powerful ways for each person.

## Download the Canterbury App

Stay Connected This Summer

Be sure to download our app so that you can stay connected to Canterbury this summer. You can stay up to date with the latest events, listen to sermons, and our new feature, Canterbury Live, will allow you to watch worship live every Sunday at 10:30 AM. It will also allow you to watch past sermons in the Archives tab. Head over to the App Store and search for Canterbury UMC. After you download and launch the app, head over to the sermons tab for Canterbury Live.

## Special Announcements

### In the Hospital / Rehab (as of May 24)

Pat Alley.....	Brookdale
L. Robison Lamberth.....	Grandview
Elizabeth Macklem.....	Brookwood
Harris (Bret) Phippen.....	St. Vincent's

### Thanksgiving for the Life of

Trey Chamblee.....	May 16, 2017
Hilda Church.....	May 18, 2017

### Rose on the Sanctuary Lectern

The rose on the Sanctuary Lectern is in honor of John David Funderburg, son of Amy & Corey Funderburg, who was born on May 11th.



# Traditional Worship

MAY 28, 2017

ASCENSION SUNDAY

PREACHING — REV. TORI HASTINGS

LITURGIST — REV. DALE COHEN

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST — DR. LESTER SEIGEL

## FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY

*"The memory of the righteous is a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot." (Proverbs 10:7, NRSV)*

How will you be remembered? What will be the defining accomplishments of your life? What legacy will you leave for those who come after you? Is there any contribution you are making that will touch the lives of those you've never even met?

Memorial Day is a time for us to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we celebrate as Americans. It's an important day as we recall that people we never knew and possibly some we did, were willing to do their part in extending into the future the principle of "liberty and justice for all" through their sacrifice. Memorial Day is important to observe because it is dangerous to disconnect sacrifice and responsibility from freedom and independence. As a matter of fact, I would say the degree to which we are free is directly proportional to our willingness to take responsibility and be held accountable for our actions.

As a teenager with a driver's license and a car, I wanted more freedom to go where I wanted, when I wanted, and with whom I wanted. My parents demanded that I first demonstrate responsibility before they were willing to grant me the freedom to do as I wished. They were linking freedom and responsibility in a life lesson whose truth is borne out on a daily basis for me even now as an adult. I am free to do whatever I want as long as I'm willing to be responsible for my actions and can accept the consequences and the costs of my actions.

I've been fortunate that I haven't had to make any significant sacrifices as a result of the freedom under which I live. Most Americans have had a similar experience. Even so, I've tried not to take those freedoms lightly and to remember that others have been required to give more. That realization produces a spirit of gratitude.

As a follower of Jesus, the costs of being a disciple have not been too demanding on me either. I recognize there are other Christians around the world for whom there is a significant risk for them to worship and to practice their faith. I can't imagine how hard it is for them. Would it surprise you to know that those same Christians frequently pray for those of us who can worship without persecution? They pray for us because they believe without persecution, we will have a hard time developing faith. It's true!

We can choose how we will be remembered as Christians and as citizens of the United States. On this Memorial Day, I give thanks for those U.S. soldiers and for those Christians around the world who have demonstrated the lengths to which a faithful person will go to live out their faith and their principles. Now, may I do the same.

*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.



Hearing assist devices and large print hymnals available — ask an usher for help.



FOLLOW Jesus...  
SERVE OTHERS...

# Order of Morning Worship

\*Congregation Please Stand

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

Voluntary Fugue in A Minor Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Parish Notices

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

Praise the Lord, who has shown us the wonders of his unfailing love; and who, for the sake of his name, leads us and guides us. In you, O Lord, we put our trust. You are our God, and our lives are in your hands. Lord, let the light of your face shine on us as we celebrate together in your presence. Amen.

\* Processional Hymn 89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

\* Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* Gloria Patri  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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

Solo Lord God of Abraham (from *Elijah*) Felix Mendelssohn  
Nick DeCastro, baritone  
Hannah Ellington, Jane Seigel, Stan Nelson, Ted Clark, solo quartet

Draw near, all ye people, come to me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel;  
this day let it be known that Thou art God, and I am Thy servant!  
O show to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word!  
O hear me, Lord, and answer me, and let their hearts again be turned!  
Cast Thy burden upon the Lord; and He shall sustain thee:  
He never will suffer the righteous to fall; He is at thy right hand.  
Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heavens.  
Let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee!

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Our Gifts and Music

Offertory Anthem Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal Sacred Harp, arr. Parker/Shaw  
Rebecca Bolding, soprano

Hark, I hear the harps eternal, ringing on the farther shore,  
As I near those swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar.

*Refrain:* Hallelujah, praise the Lamb! Glory to the great 'I Am!'

And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,  
Passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away. *Refrain*

Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;  
And I hear them, singing faintly in the mansions of the blest. *Refrain*

\* 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.

\* Hymn of Preparation 117 O God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

Scripture Reading Psalm 31: 1 - 5, 15 - 16  
*This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon Rev. Tori Hastings

\* Hymn of Commitment 428 For the Healing of the Nations CWM RHONDDA

\* Dismissal & Blessing

\* Recessional Prayer Ted Clark, cantor

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that the words we have said and sung this day may be so grafted and guarded in our hearts, that our lives may bring forth good fruits, and our lips shall show forth Thy praise, to the honor and glory of Thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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).