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Contemporary Worship

August 17, 2025



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

We are so glad you are here, and we would love to connect with you. Let us know you are here by scanning this QR code or by visiting:
www.canterburyumc.org/attendance

We look forward to connecting with you!

Senior Pastor - Rev. Keith Thompson

Pastor - Rev. Hill Carmichael

Pastor - Rev. Tori Hastings

Pastor - Dr. Bill Morgan

Pastor - Rev. Matthew Montgomery

Pastor - Dr. Rick Owen

Youth Pastor - Rev. Gann Waters - Wright

Bishop in Residence - Dr. Mike Watson

Director of Contemporary Music - Natalie Moon



Who Are We

As people of the church, we are committed to following Jesus with an authentic faith. We seek to be real and authentic in every part of our lives because we believe that Jesus wants to know us. We also believe that Jesus wants to meet us wherever we are in life. At Canterbury United Methodist Church, this is what it means to be in relationship with Christ. Jesus said the most important thing we can do is to love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind, and love our neighbor as our self. This simple yet profound statement represents the real grace and real love Jesus has for all people, particularly those whom the rest of the world often overlooks. This statement from Jesus also represents the very nature of who God is. Through sharing real grace and real love with people, Jesus brought healing into their lives. At Canterbury, we seek to follow Jesus' example, striving to share and experience real grace and real love in our real life.

Real Grace

Grace stands as a central tenant to our community. It is at the very core of who we are as children of God because it is part of our lives before we are even aware of it. We confess that we are each imperfect, regularly falling short of our own standards and God's. God loves us anyway just as we are. God initiates every relationship with us through grace. God's grace can never be earned, it is all gift. We, as God's children, strive to do the same with each other. We start with grace given to us by God. We live offering the same grace to ourselves and one another.

Real Love

In a world where people are sometimes criticized for being different, the people of the church are called to be intentionally different. Our Holy Scriptures remind us that we are all created in the image of God; and, if God is Love, then we are created in the image of love. God as revealed in Jesus Christ is what real love looks like. When we are most true to who we are created to be, we are loving. At Canterbury, we seek to embody that love is patient and kind ... and we particularly like it best when it is a verb.

Real Life

God constantly invites us into a life of full connection with God and others through Jesus Christ. This is the real life we are created for. Nothing but relationship with God and each other will truly satisfy the longing inside us. We believe this is the path to real, abundant life. Our desire is to walk this path together.

Welcome to Canterbury

We are so glad you chose to worship with us today!

We want you to feel at home. Through close relationships, the study of scripture, education, and caring for others, our goal is to connect you to God, each other, and His world in a real and meaningful way. We want to be a place where you will meet Jesus exactly where you are. You will find a community of real people, led by leaders who express their real experiences to help renew and empower you to follow Him. So no matter where you are in life, we invite you to come as you are and to live for something greater. If you need help finding your way around, we have welcome guides located at our main entrances and outside the worship areas. We look forward to connecting with you!

WORSHIP:

Children in Worship All children are welcome in worship! The sights, sounds, and interactions of worship are appropriate for every age. Worship Activity bags, Sensory bags, and other resources are available as you enter. If you have a child with sensory challenges who might need a break from worship, we have a Sensory Room located on the 2nd floor of the Children's Building. Excellent nursery care is available to children through 4 years.

- *Make sure your children get a worship activity pack from the wall when entering Canterbury Center.*
- *The Children's Comfort Room is in the back hallway.*

Worship Online We strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us! All worship services are available online:

Website:

www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch

YouTube:

www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC

NEXT STEPS

If you are new to Canterbury, this is a great class for those who want to learn more about our church. Held on Sunday mornings, it provides an overview of what makes Canterbury thrive. You can find out more about the church, ask questions, and make personal connections. Sundays, 9:15-10:15 AM in the Dining Room. For questions or to sign up for the next session, please contact Becky King at becky.king@canterburyumc.org.

MEET WITH OUR PASTORS:

Our pastors would love to meet with you over coffee and get to know you. You can bring any questions you might have and get to know a little more about Canterbury, and anything else you want to talk about. Contact Matthew Montgomery at matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org or 205-868-6588, to set that up.

CONTACT US:

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORSHIP IS AN AWARENESS AND EXPRESSION OF GOD'S PRESENCE LIVED OUT MOMENT BY MOMENT

We Gather In God's Presence

Goodbye Yesterday

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

Baptism

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

Trust In God

Good Plans

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

Here And Now

We Listen For God's Voice

Luke 10:38-42

Move the Ball

Gratitude

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

In Celebration

Wil and Sally Stewart are the proud parents of a baby boy, Wilson Rawls Stewart, Jr., born on August 6, 2025.

Thanksgiving for the lives of

Whitney Sandefer (Kacy & James David Sandefer’s sister).....July 29, 2025
David Crawford (Kathy Crawford’s husband).....August 7, 2025

Canterbury is seeking a Digital Content Specialist!

This role supports the church’s mission by creating and managing engaging digital content across platforms including the website, social media, and print. This full-time position involves photography, videography, graphic design, and web management, while collaborating with staff to promote worship, events, and ministries. Ideal candidates are creative storytellers with strong digital skills and a passion for church communications. For full details and to apply, please visit: www.canterburyumc.org/welcome/careers

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Fall Kickoff

Wednesday Night Dinner & Fall Bible Studies

August 20

Canterbury Hall • 5-6:30 PM

Complimentary Chik-Fil-A Dinner & Ice Cream Sundae Bar
Games & Inflatables for Kids • Preview of Fall Studies

All ages! Bring the whole crew!

Important August Dates

We look forward to kicking off a wonderful fall here at Canterbury! Please make note of these key dates:

- **August 17** | YAC “Rodeo” Kickoff (5-7 PM)
- **August 20** | Fall Kickoff Event for
Wed. Night Dinner & Studies
(5-6:30 PM Canterbury Hall)
- **August 27** | Wednesday Night Dinner
(5-6 PM Canterbury Hall)
Bible Studies Begin (6 PM)
Youth & Kids Activities (6 PM)

Fall Bible Studies | Register Now

Begin Wednesday, August 27 at 6 PM

Our Pastors and Staff are teaching “Fall Favorites,” their favorite books of the Bible. Register now for Sessions 1 & 2, there are so many to choose from!

- ACTS - Hill Carmichael
- JOHN - Rick Owen
- REVELATION - Keith Thompson
- JOB - Matthew Montgomery
- PSALMS - Mike Watson
- JAMES - Tori Hastings
- GENESIS - Eleanor Christiansen & Natalie Moon
- JONAH - Annie Skinner
- PAUL - Lisa Donnell & Team

Sign up: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Happening at Canterbury

Lunch at Back Forty | Today

We're so excited to be back in worship together this Sunday! All are invited to meet for lunch immediately following the 10:30 AM services at Back Forty (3201 1st Ave North). Bring the kids and enjoy lunch together!

NARCAN Training | Today | 11:45 AM

Jefferson Co. Health Dept. will conduct a very important NARCAN training session in the small dining room today from 11:45-12:45 PM. This is a free training and you will leave with a NARCAN kit.

YAC "Rodeo" Fall Kickoff Event | This Evening | 5-7 PM

Hey YACs! Join us at 5 PM in the parking lot for an evening packed with fun... featuring inflatables, rodeo games, and more! We'll be grilling hot dogs, serving up snacks and giving away awesome prizes. Everyone will get a free t-shirt, plus we'll launch our first MYF series of the year and introduce small groups.

Kids@Canterbury 5K Faith Milestone | August 24 | 9:15 AM

Faith Milestones celebrate your child and connect them to Canterbury's faith practices. Join us August 24 for the 5K "I Can Go To Worship" Milestone, featuring a worship scavenger hunt. RSVP to ensure materials for your family at www.canterburyumc.org/grouw/children.

Interest Meeting | Faith Pilgrimage Poland & Germany | August 24 | 11:30 AM

Join Rev. Tori Hastings and fellow Canterburyans April 9-19 and follow the footsteps of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Reformation. For more details, plan to attend an Interest Meeting next Sunday, August 24 immediately after 10:30 AM worship in Wesley Hall. Questions? Email tori.hastings@canterburyumc.org

New Small Group for Young Married Couples Cookout | August 24 | 6 PM

Are you married, under 35, and looking to build community with others in the same season of life? Join us this fall for a brand-new small group led by Tommy and Leigh Ann Sisson. To kick things off, join us for a cookout next Sunday, August 24 at 6 PM. RSVP: matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org

Legacy Luncheon | August 26 | 12 Noon

Join us for a fun-filled Legacy Luncheon with The Basement Band—lifelong friends Lewis, Mike, and Vic, who turned basement jam sessions into a classic oldies adventure. Enjoy great food, good company, and toe-tapping tunes as we kick off the fall season in Canterbury Hall. (Lunch \$5) RSVP: valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org

NEXT STEPS | Begins September 7

This Sunday morning class is a basic introduction to our church family and a wonderful time for you to continue building connections with others. If you are interested in making Canterbury your church home, please join us on 9/7, 9/14 & 9/21. RSVP: becky.king@canterburyumc.org



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