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Contemporary Worship

August 24, 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

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

House Of The Lord

King Of Kings

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

Let It Be A Hallelujah

We Listen For God's Voice

Luke 6: 46-49

When The Ball Drops

Time And Time Again

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

Thanksgiving for the life of

Pat Goodhew (Claire Goodhew’s husband).....August 18, 2025

Happening at Canterbury

Combined Worship in Sanctuary | August 31 | 10:30 AM

Next Sunday, Contemporary Worship will not be held as we will have one combined service in the Sanctuary at 10:30 AM. New Traditions will be held in the Chapel at 8:15 AM. Also, church offices will be closed on September 1. Have a safe and happy Labor Day Weekend!

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 lots 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

To register, scan the QR code above or visit:
www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Kid's Wednesday Nights | Begin August 27

All Kids@Canterbury are invited to be a part of Wednesday nights! From 6-7 PM, there's a choir/ministry combo for 3K-3rd grade and a RISE opportunity for 4th-6th grades. Register: canterburyumc.org/grow/children

FAITH PILGRIMAGE

Interest Meeting | Poland & Germany TODAY | 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 today immediately after 10:30 AM worship in Wesley Hall. For more info and to register for the trip, please visit: www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages

First MYF of the Fall | TONIGHT | 5 PM

We've added 15 minutes to MYF...because now we have a YAC Band! All 7th-12th graders, meet in Canterbury Hall at 5 PM on Sunday nights for games, snacks, worship, and small groups! Friends are always welcome!

Young Marrieds Cookout | TONIGHT | 6 PM

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

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NEXT STEPS

Begins September 7 | 9:15 AM

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 at 9:15 AM in the Dining Room.

RSVP: becky.king@canterburyumc.org

3rd grade Bibles - Faith Milestone September 7 | 9:15 AM & 10:30 AM

We will present Bibles to each 3rd grader during the Sunday School hour and follow that presentation with a teaching session. We will continue our celebration with their church family in the Sanctuary during worship as their church blesses these Bibles and the hands that hold them. RSVP:

www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Legacy Luncheon | August 26 | 12 Noon

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

RISE Climbing Event | September 14 3:30-6:30 PM

RISE! Let's go climb to new heights at the Hoover Climbing Adventure complex on September 14. Drop off at 3:30 in the Chapel lot. Fee \$15, which covers climbing and pizza! RSVP: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Men's Breakfast | September 25 | 6:30 AM

Our quarterly Men's Ministry Breakfast will be held Thursday, September 25 at 6:30 AM in Canterbury Hall. Enjoy a great breakfast (\$12), wonderful fellowship, and words of inspiration. Hope you will join! RSVP:

www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast

ENCOURAGERS Interest

In late September, Canterbury will launch Encouragers - an intergenerational women's program. The goal is to form many small groups of all ages to meet together once a month for a year for fellowship, prayer and service! Register: bit.ly/4oL0mdi

Costa Rica Cairos Trip | November 4-11

Rachel Estes has 2-3 more spots for an Outside Cairos serving the women affected by incarceration in San Jose, Costa Rica in November. Cost is \$2000 which covers flight, food, lodging and 5 women in the program. If you are interested in going November 4-11, please let Rachel Estes know ASAP by emailing rachel.estes@canterburyumc.org.



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