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**Contemporary Worship**

February 2, 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](http://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. Sheryl Thornton

**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

# REAL

## 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](http://www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online)

### **Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch](http://www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch)

### **YouTube:**

[www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org) or 205-868-6588, to set that up.

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## **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**

#### ***Just Want Jesus***

Welcome & Greeting

### **We Prepare Our Hearts With Song**

#### ***Trust In God***

#### ***Goodness Of God***

### **We Respond To God**

God's People Pray

God's People Give

#### ***Starlight***

### **We Listen For God's Voice**

Ephesians 4: 11-13

Are You On The 10 Most Wanted List?

### **We Gather Around God's Table**

Holy Communion

#### ***Fresh Wind***

### **We Welcome God's People**

Joining of New Members

### **We Go To Live Like Jesus**

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

**SERMON NOTES:**

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**Thanksgiving for the lives of**

- William Sanderson (Sharon Smyer’s father).....January 22, 2025
- Sue Ralls (Leslie Allen’s mother).....January 23, 2025

**Farewell Reception for Sheryl Thornton | March 2**

Rev. Sheryl Thornton is retiring from Canterbury after 17 years of beautiful and dedicated service. You are invited to join us for a very special reception to wish Sheryl well on Sunday, March 2. It will be held in the Parlor from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. If you’d like to express your gratitude to Sheryl, you may make a Love Offering in her honor. Please send your check to the Finance Office noting ‘Love Offering – Sheryl Thornton ’ in the memo line. Thank you for your love and support.

## Happening at Canterbury

### **Encore Volunteer Training | February 3 | 9 AM-12 Noon**

If you would like to make a difference in the lives of those living with dementia or memory loss, Encore would love for you to join the program as a volunteer. This is the most rewarding experience that you could ask for! The next training session for current and new volunteers will be held tomorrow, February 3 from 9 AM-12 Noon in the Encore Room (Dining Room). For questions or to sign up, email Patti Williams at [encorepatti@gmail.com](mailto:encorepatti@gmail.com).

### **Discovery Weekend Registration | February 3**

Get ready for the best retreat of the Spring! Discovery Weekend is March 14-16, and it's a retreat for all 7th-12th graders! Discovery Weekend is a weekend for our junior high students that is put on by our senior high students. It is a retreat here at the church that will be the best weekend of your life! Registration will open tomorrow, February 3 at 7 AM on the church website.

### **Book Club | February 3 & March 3**

Book Club is held on the 1st Monday of each month! Join us from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM in Room M226 for great discussion and fellowship. Bring your lunch and invite a friend! For a list of books and to register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

### **Interest Meeting Wesley Heritage Tour (London) | February 9 | 11:30 AM**

If you are interested in joining this trip to England June 4-12, please attend this upcoming meeting for more trip info and details. If you have already signed up and have questions, this is a great opportunity to get your answers! The meeting will be held next Sunday, 2/9 in the Dining Room immediately following 10:30 AM worship.

For trip details: [www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages](http://www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages)

### **2nd grade Faith Milestone | February 9 | 9:15 AM**

Faith Milestones are a chance for the church to celebrate exactly who your child is right now and connect that to important parts of our faith practices here at church. It is a great opportunity for you to have guided faith conversations with your kiddo and get to know some of the other families who are doing life with you here at Canterbury! We are so excited to see you and your 2nd grader on February 9 at 9:15 AM where we will be learning about communion.

Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

### **Kids@Canterbury | Summer Dates 2025**

Summer will be here soon! We have all of our camps and summer events on the website. So, take a look and mark your calendars for everything we have in store for your kids this summer at Canterbury! Visit: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

## **OUTREACH:**

### **WE NEED SOUP!**

It requires over 8 gallons of Santa Fe soup to serve at Church of the Reconciler on Thursdays each week. Can you make a double/triple batch and help fill the freezer at Canterbury? If so, please freeze flat and deliver to the church. Thank you for helping to keep our neighbors warm and fed.

### **Kate Kennedy Luncheon & Book Signing | February 10 | 11:30 AM – 1 PM**

Canterbury Outreach and Canterbury UMW present a very special opportunity for you to meet and hear from Canterbury's own Kate Kennedy, author of *Once Upon a School*. Kate is the daughter of Bette and Crawford Owen and she grew up in the halls of Canterbury an active member and involved in youth activities. Kate is a mom, a wife, a sister, a friend, and a passionate advocate for children. In 2018, Kate opened a school for children experiencing homelessness in Atlanta. For more information on Kate's work, please visit [katekennedywrites.com](http://katekennedywrites.com). On Monday, February 10 in Wesley Hall, Kate will share about the story of challenging the status quo and digging deep into her own story to find connection, hope, and new answers to old problems in her book. It is a story of racial inequity, generational poverty, and finding community in the most unlikely places. Boxed lunches are available for \$15. To register: [www.canterburyumc.org/kate-kennedy-event](http://www.canterburyumc.org/kate-kennedy-event)

### **Panamá Medical Mission Trip | April 5-12**

We have openings for this team and are seeking dentists, undergraduate students interested in considering the medical field, or friendly faces willing to do "whatever is needed!" Please know that this mission requires the ULTIMATE in patience, nimbleness and go-with-the-flow! For more info, contact Becky Sorrell at [rjsorrell@aol.com](mailto:rjsorrell@aol.com).

### **UMCOR Relief for California**

Canterbury has made direct monetary donations to UMCOR, World Central Kitchen, and the California Fire Foundation. If you would like to contribute, please drop your check in the offering plate or deliver it to the Finance Office made payable to Canterbury UMC and noted UMCOR Advance #901670.



*Thank you for joining us today!*