

# REAL



**Contemporary Worship**

**July 20, 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. 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](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.

---

## CONTACT US:

**Church Office:** 205-871-4695

**To Join:** [matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org](mailto:matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org)  
205-868-6590 x 2327

**Pastoral Care Response Line:** 205-999-4887

**[canterburyumc.org](http://canterburyumc.org)**

# 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

Children's Moment

RISE Connect Week Commissioning

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

#### ***Crowns Down***

#### ***Jesus You Alone***

### ***We Respond To God***

God's People Pray

God's People Give

#### ***Tend***

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

John 9

Seeing Beyond The Surface

#### ***Made For More***

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

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

**SERMON NOTES:**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

# Happening at Canterbury

## **VBS Decoration Crew | July 23 | 5-6 or 6-7 PM**

If you are unable to serve as an adult leader, you can still be a part of VBS by helping to decorate! On Wednesday evening, July 23 we have two time shifts that will bring our halls to life. (Youth welcome!) Sign up: Email Maddie at [maddie.moravek@canterburyumc.org](mailto:maddie.moravek@canterburyumc.org)

## **UMW Summer Meal Series | Taco Mama | July 23**

Make plans to have dinner at Taco Mama in Crestline this Wednesday, July 23! Be sure to mention “Canterbury Fundraiser” when you check out so UMW will receive a portion of the proceeds. Thank you!

## **Men’s Breakfast | July 24 | 6:30 AM**

We will welcome our Bishop Jonathan Holston at the Men’s Breakfast on July 24 at 6:30 AM in Canterbury Hall. Enjoy a great breakfast (\$12), wonderful fellowship, and words of inspiration. Hope you will join us and bring a friend! Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast](http://www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast)

## **Adult Sunday Summer School | 9:30 AM | Wesley Hall**

Each Sunday, one of our pastors will lead a group-style discussion class that will follow the sermon series...focusing on the sermon and scripture of the day! Summer is a great time to mix things up, meet new friends and try something new, so join us for a fun “SUMMER SCHOOL” option on Sunday mornings.

## **ENCOURAGERS Interest**

In 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. Sign up to be a part of it at: [bit.ly/43pCwfe](http://bit.ly/43pCwfe)

## **Donuts & Blessing of the Backpacks | August 10**

On Sunday, August 10 during the Sunday School hour, Kids@Canterbury will celebrate a new school year and a brand new year of ministry with a Donut Party! Make sure to join us in Canterbury Hall for that “sweet” event. Also that Sunday during the 10:30 AM worship service in the Sanctuary, we will have a special moment to bless the backpacks of all our children returning to school!

### **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](http://www.canterburyumc.org/welcome/careers)

# Christmas *in* JULY

**Toy Drive Benefiting Avondale Samaritan Place  
and the Annual Christmas Village**

**Scan to shop the  
Amazon Wish List!**



**Shop at your favorite  
local toy store or  
purchase gifts from  
our Amazon wish list  
by using the QR code!**



**Canterbury**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**AVONDALE**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Please help by having your gifts delivered by July 31!**



*Thank you for joining us today!*