

REAL



Contemporary Worship

June 1, 2025

Ascension Sunday



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

Child Of Love

Welcome & Greeting

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

Rest On Us

Good Plans

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

Light Of The World

We Listen For God's Voice

Acts 1: 1-11

Real Grace for Real Life: Don't Look Up

We Gather Around God's Table

Holy Communion

Time And Time Again

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

Congratulations

Riley & Asher Kitchings, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Owen Langley Kitchings, born on May 24, 2025.

Happening at Canterbury

Adult Sunday Summer School | Begins June 1

We will offer a Community Adult Sunday School class beginning today in 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.

Summer Meal Series | Davenport's Pizza | June 4

This favorite UMW fundraiser is in full swing... and they've partnered with our area's most popular and yummy restaurants to raise funds that will help support deserving not-for-profit organizations. Be sure to mention "Canterbury Fundraiser" when you check out so UMW will receive a portion of the proceeds. Join us for dinner on Wednesday, June 4 at DAVENPORT'S PIZZA in Mountain Brook.

Use Your Noodle Needs YOU!

Avondale Samaritan Place's Use Your Noodle summer enrichment program is back. You can help make it incredible for the local children who will attend by packing lunches, providing snacks or teacher happies! To sign up, please email Rachel at rachel.estes@canterburyumc.org.

EngAGE Lunch & Learn | July 8

Please join us for a lunch and learn with Lifecare Solutions whose mission is to support, educate and provide ongoing expertise and resources to families through compassion, guidance and understanding. They are committed to helping their clients with a plan of care through all stages of the aging process. Learn about resources to help you and your family. \$10 per person. 12 Noon - Canterbury Hall. Please RSVP to Valerie Boyd at valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.

Kids Summer Camp & Events

Register for everything we have in store for your kids this summer! Sign up today at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

VBS Volunteers Needed | July 28-31

Our rising 4K-3rd graders are going to have a blast at VBS week, Dive Deep! We will go on our deep water adventure July 28-31 from 9 am-noon each day and will need many adult helpers to make it a SPLASH! Sign up: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

YAC Summer Trips & Getaways

- June 6-8 — Sr. High Lake Trip
 - June 23-26 — Jr. High Adventure Trip
 - July 13-18 — Magic City Work Week
 - June 11 — Activate Getaway
 - June 18 — Braves Game Getaway
- Sign up: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#summer

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



SUMMER EVENTS



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Thank you for joining us today!