

# RESURRECTION STORIES

**Contemporary Worship**

**May 4, 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.

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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***

#### ***I Thank God***

Welcome & Greeting

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

#### ***New Creations***

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

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

God's People Pray

God's People Give

#### ***Ebb And Flow***

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

Mark 8: 22-26

Resurrection Stories: Recovery of Sight to the Blind

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

Holy Communion

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

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

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

## SERMON NOTES:

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# Happening at Canterbury

**Share Your Easter Photos** We are updating Canterbury's membership database and would like to add a photo of you or of you and your family. If you took a picture here on Easter morning, or if you have another recent photo you prefer, please email it to [directory@canterburyumc.org](mailto:directory@canterburyumc.org).

**Kids Summer Camp & Events** Register today for everything we have in store for your kids this summer at Canterbury at [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://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
  - May 28 — Six Flags Getaway
  - June 11 — Activate Getaway
  - June 18 — Braves Game Getaway
- Sign up: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#summer](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#summer)

**UMW General Meeting & Lunch | May 5 | 10:30 AM** Join us tomorrow in Wesley Hall starting at 10:30 AM. Shannon Wadlington, Director of Books to Prisons, will be the guest speaker.

**Side by Side Spring Concert | May 13 | 2 PM** Don't miss "A Stroll Down Broadway!" on Tuesday, May 13 at 2 PM in Canterbury Hall. Great for all ages! No tickets are required, but donations will be accepted at the door to benefit McCoy Adult Day Care. Please come support us with your presence for this special event!

**The Calm Before the Stork | May 18 | 9:30 AM** If your family is growing through birth, adoption or fostering, we would love to share all the ways our church hopes to wrap around your family during these sacred days and years! We will discuss baptism, nursery, Sunday School, and share ideas about books and Bibles for your little one. We will hold our first bi-annual *Calm Before the Stork* on Sunday, May 18 at 9:30 AM in room 213 in the Children's Department. Please RSVP: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

**Birmingham Boys Choir Spring Concert | May 18 | 2:30 PM** The Birmingham Boys Choir presents its 47th annual spring concert on Sunday, May 18 at 2:30 PM in the Canterbury Sanctuary. All are invited! The concert is free and is the Choir's gift to the community.

**ENCOURAGERS Interest** This fall, Canterbury plans to start Encouragers - a new intergenerational women's program. The goal is to form many small groups of all ages within the church to meet together once a month for a year for fellowship, prayer and service. Sign up to learn more: [bit.ly/43pCwfe](http://bit.ly/43pCwfe)

**Legacy Luncheon | May 27 | 12 Noon** Join us for a very special luncheon with Dr. John Waits from Freedom Farm, homes for abused, abandoned, neglected and at-risk kids. Learn how this amazing ministry is changing the lives of children and families by giving them the "freedom to soar" and to succeed in a loving home where God and faith are the center. Lunch is \$5. Please RSVP by May 22 to Valerie at [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org).

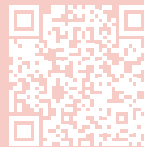


# SUMMER EVENTS



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