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***Contemporary Worship***

**OCTOBER 1, 2023**



### THANK YOU FOR VISITING CANTERBURY!

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/guests](http://www.canterburyumc.org/guests)  
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. Sam Williamson  
**Pastor** - Rev. Matthew Montgomery  
**Children’s Pastor** - Rev. Ruth Grissom  
**Youth Pastor** - Rev. Seth Moon  
**High School 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.

## Fall Adult Studies & Small Groups

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

#### • Fall Session Two •

#### Boundaries

Led by Sheryl Thornton  
Begins 10/11  
6-7 pm, Room M208, Covenant Classroom

#### Life On Purpose

Led by Tori Hastings  
Begins 10/11  
6-7 pm, Room M227, Aldersgate Classroom

#### Living Your Strengths

Led by Annie Skinner  
Begins 10/11  
6-7 pm, Room A122, Renneker Conference Room

#### Comparison Trap

Led by Natalie Moon  
Begins 10/18  
6-7 pm, Small Dining Room

#### Emotionally Healthy Relationships for Young Adults

Led by Matthew Montgomery  
Begins 10/18  
6-7:30 pm, Location TBD

#### Ongoing Studies available to join:

#### Joshua

Led by Lisa Donnell and John Hutchinson  
6-7 pm, Room M228 (Ongoing)

#### Wednesday Evening Bible Study-Exodus

Led by Keith Thompson  
6-7 pm, Room M209, Wesley Hall (Ongoing)

### SMALL GROUPS

#### Grief Care

This group serves as a means of self-care and shared community for persons in grief. For six weeks, we will listen, share, and gain important tools in navigating our unique grief experiences. Wednesdays, 10/11-11/15  
Led by Sheryl Thornton | 12:00 pm, Room M200

#### Book Club

Wednesday, 10/9  
*A Knock at Midnight*, by Brittany K. Barnett  
Wednesday, 11/6  
*Before We Were Yours*, by Lisa Wingate  
11:30 am-12:30 pm, Room M200

### Register today!

Jump in to an adult small group or Wednesday evening study!  
Session Two begins October 11.

For a full listing of options and to register, please scan the QR code or you may visit: [canterburyumc.org/grow/adults/](http://canterburyumc.org/grow/adults/)



### Sign Up for the Weekly Outreach Email Update

Want to know what’s going on (in detail) with Canterbury Outreach? Want to get a current list of service opportunities that are full of outreach EXCITEMENT and easy YESes? If so, sign up by emailing Rachel Estes at [rachel.estes@canterburyumc.org](mailto:rachel.estes@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**

#### ***Something About That Name***

Welcome & Greeting

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

#### ***Glorious Day***

#### ***Firm Foundation (He Won't)***

### **We Respond To God**

God's People Pray

God's People Give

#### ***Living Water***

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

Matthew 3: 13-17

Sacrament

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

Holy Communion

#### ***Miracle***

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

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

### **SERMON NOTES:**

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### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **Thanksgiving for the lives of**

LaVonne Ramsay Ferguson (Rod Ramsay's mother).....September 22, 2023

Susan Earle.....September 25, 2023

# Happening at Canterbury

## Brookdale Drivers Needed

Want to brighten up your Sunday with smiles and laughs that will warm your heart? Well, we have just the thing! We are in need of drivers to pick up our members at Brookdale with our Canterbury bus and bring them to Sunday School. This great volunteer opportunity will be one Sunday a quarter or as much as you would like. For more info and to sign up, please contact Valerie at [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org).

## Children's Talent Show | October 4 | 6 PM

Kids@Canterbury have been working hard preparing for the talent show. Don't miss this event in Canterbury Center next Wednesday night...fun for the whole church family!

## Wednesday Night Guest Speaker | Lisa Damour, PhD | October 11 | 5:45 PM

Join us to hear Dr. Lisa Damour, author of three New York Times best sellers, speak about "Parenting Girls." She co-hosts the "Ask Lisa" podcast, works in collaboration with UNICEF, and is recognized as a thought leader by the American Psychological Association. Dr. Damour is also a regular contributor to *The New York Times* and *CBS News*. She will be speaking in Wesley Hall on October 11 from 5:45-6:45 PM.

## New Study! Emotionally Healthy Relationships | October 18 | 6 PM

EHR is starting Wednesday, October 18 for young adults. It will be held Wednesday nights after dinner from 6-7:30 PM. It is a great study that is both a spiritual practice, and a practical look at the why and how we have reoccurring problems in our relationships. Cost \$25. To sign up, email Matthew at [matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org](mailto:matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org).

## RISE Lock-In | October 20

Wait, what? I'm locked in!? That's right! RISE Ministry (5th-6th grade) get excited and ready to spend a night locked in at church! We will play games, eat lots of food and have a great time with friends! Drop off 6 PM on Friday, October 20 and pick up 10 AM on Saturday, October 21. Friends and neighbors welcome, so feel free to invite! Please email Davis at [davis.kinchler@canterburyumc.org](mailto:davis.kinchler@canterburyumc.org) to register.

## Flower Guild Workshop | October 29 | 1-4 PM

Have you ever noticed the pretty flower arrangements on the altar each Sunday? Would you like to be a part of placing them? It is such a joy to choose the flowers and arrange them, and a lovely way to spend a Saturday morning. Janet Jackson, former co-owner of Flowerbuds, will lead a workshop on Sunday, October 29 from 1-4 PM in the dining room. You will learn everything from soaking oasis, conditioning flowers and building an arrangement. You will also get to take home the arrangement you make. Come and bring a friend! There will be a \$20 participation fee for materials. Please respond to Laurie Bullington at (205) 862-3654 or [laurie.bullington@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.bullington@gmail.com) by October 22 so that we will have enough materials! We hope you will prayerfully consider being a part of this lovely ministry!

## Journey Retreat | November 17-19

Youth@Canterbury's Fall retreat, called the Journey Retreat, is November 17-19. Registration opens Monday, September 18 at 7 AM! This is a retreat for all 7th-12th grade students, and friends are welcome! The weekend is full of sessions with awesome worship & talks, lots of games, small groups, and a whole lot of fun! This is a weekend that your student will not want to miss, so invite your friends and join us! You can learn more here: [www.canterburyumc.org/youth#journey](http://www.canterburyumc.org/youth#journey).

# 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 that is staffed with knowledgeable caregivers. Excellent nursery care is available to children through 4 years old, however we love having all ages worshipping together and look forward to the ways they can help us worship God.

**Watch Online** We understand the challenges you face and we strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us. Our Sanctuary and Contemporary Worship services are available on our website.

## Things to Know:

- *Make sure your children get a worship activity pack on the wall in Canterbury Center.*
- *The Children's Comfort Room is in the back hallway.*

## 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 Matthew Montgomery at [matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org](mailto:matthew.montgomery@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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