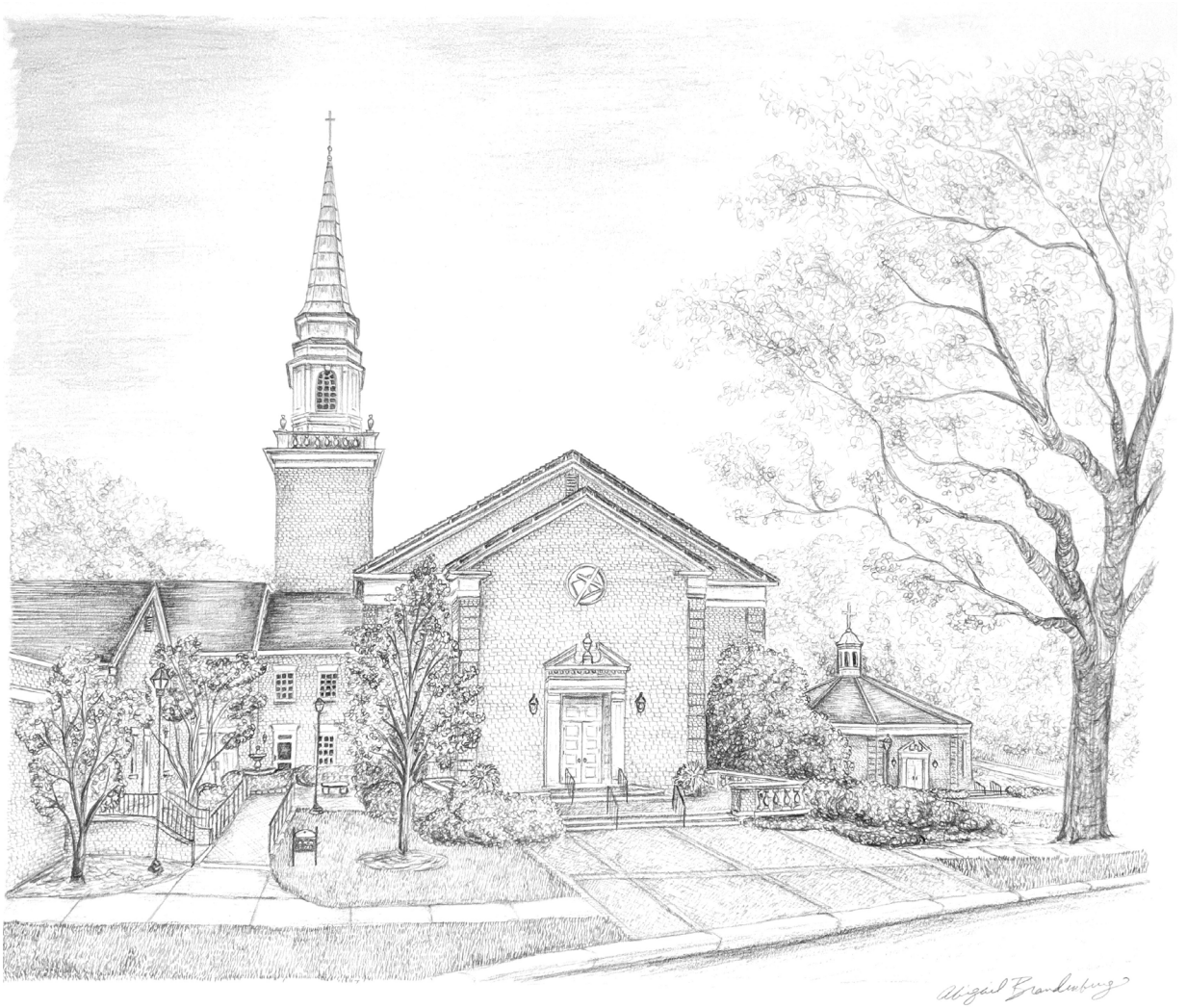
New Traditions

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter



Canterbury
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Thank you for visiting!

We are so glad to have you as our guest in worship and we would love to connect with you. Let us know you are here by scanning this QR code or by following this link: www.canterburyumc.org/attendance

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. Gann Waters - Wright
Bishop in Residence - Dr. Mike Watson
Choirmaster and Organist - Dr. Lester Seigel

REAL GRACE LOVE LIFE

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.

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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 sight, sounds, and interactions of worship are appropriate for every age. We have worship resources available as you enter the worship space including a Worship Activity bag.
Excellent nursery care is also 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.
Children's Ministry at Canterbury begins at birth. Nursery is provided for infants and preschoolers for all regularly scheduled worship services. Nursery for other activities and church events can be provided. Please feel free to contact Selena Pitsch at selena.pitsch@canterburyumc.org with any questions about nursery. Canterbury uses a computer check-in system as part of our Safe Sanctuary Policy..

Help us to celebrate the new life in our congregation by sharing the exciting news with us! We need you to let us know when your family is welcoming a new baby and hope you will contact linda.carpenter@canterburyumc.org so that we can all celebrate another child in our midst.

Things to Know:

- *Hearing assist devices are now available – ask an usher for assistance*
- *The Children's Comfort Room is a place where you may sit with your child. It is adjacent to the Narthex*

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 New Traditions, Sanctuary and Contemporary worship services are available on our website.

CONNECT

Next Steps Class This class is a basic introduction to our church family and a wonderful time for you to continue building connections with other followers of Christ. Since many of us come from different church backgrounds, this class is designed to clearly explain who we are, what we believe, and how you can take the next steps in partnering with us to build the Kingdom of God. After attending these classes, it is our hope you will decide to make Canterbury your new church home. For more information, please contact Becky King at becky.king@canterburyumc.org.

MEET WITH ONE OF 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, the United Methodist Church, and anything else you want to talk about. Contact the church office at 205-871-4695 to set that up.

Contact Us

Church Office: 205.871.4695
To Join: matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org 205.868.6590 x2327
Pastoral Care Response Line: 205.999.4887

Order of Worship

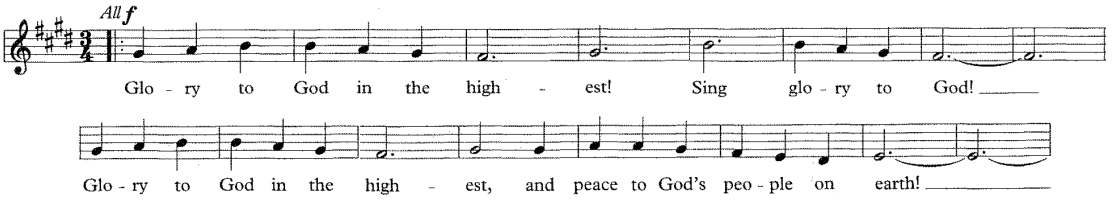
Welcome and Announcements

*** Hymn 304** Easter People, Raise Your Voices REGENT SQUARE

Collect *The Lord be with you.* **And also with you.** *Let us pray.*

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis



Psalter Reading (Chanted) Psalm 133 Stan Nelson, cantor

Behold, how good and plea*sant it is when we live together in *unity!
It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down up*on the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar *of his robes!
It is like the dew of Hermon which falls on the moun*tains of Zion!
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for *evermore.

The word of God for the peo*ple of God. **Thanks *be to God.**

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, those things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All Pray in Silence

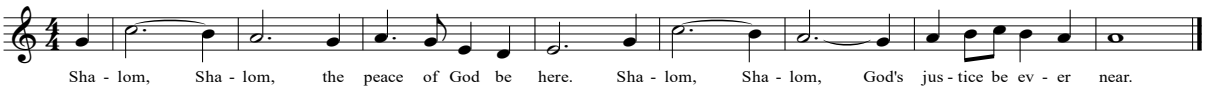
Kyrie 482

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Words of Pardon

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people. **Glory to God! Amen.**

*** The Peace** The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you, **and also with you.**



The Lesson John 20: 11 - 18

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon All Things New: In the Garden Rev. Hill Carmichael

Hymn 307 Christ is Risen W ZLOBIE LEZY

Prayers of the People *Lord, in your mercy,* **hear our prayer.**

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem Easter Anthem William Billings

The Lord is risen indeed, Hallelujah! Now is Christ risen from the dead,
and become the first fruits of them that slept.
Then I rose! Then first Humanity triumphant passed the crystal ports
of light and seized eternal youth.
Man, all immortal, hail! Heaven all lavish of strange gifts to man.
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss!

*** Doxology & Wesley's Grace** OLD 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Be present at our table, Lord;
be here and everywhere adored;
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we
may feast in paradise with Thee.

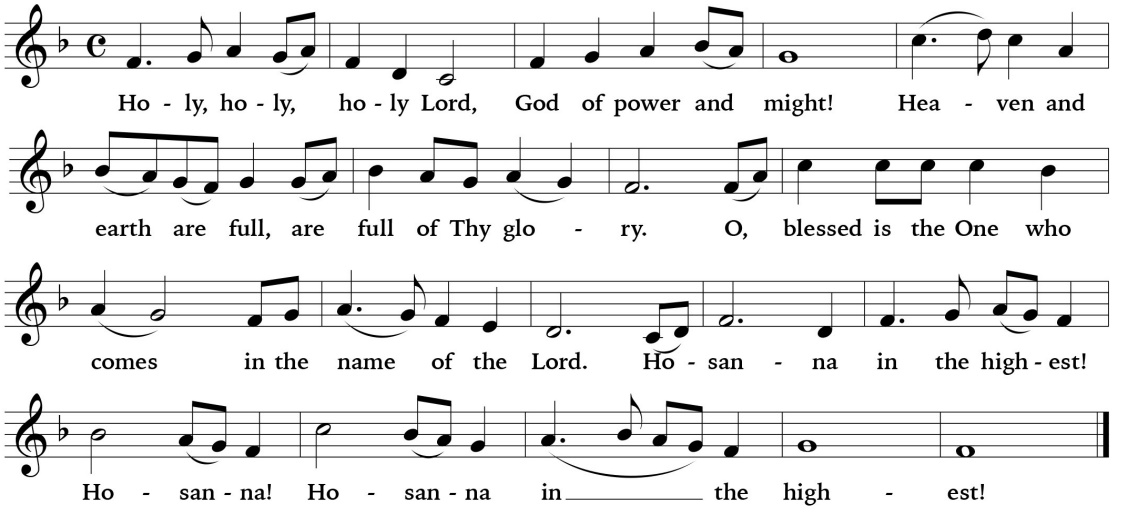
The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

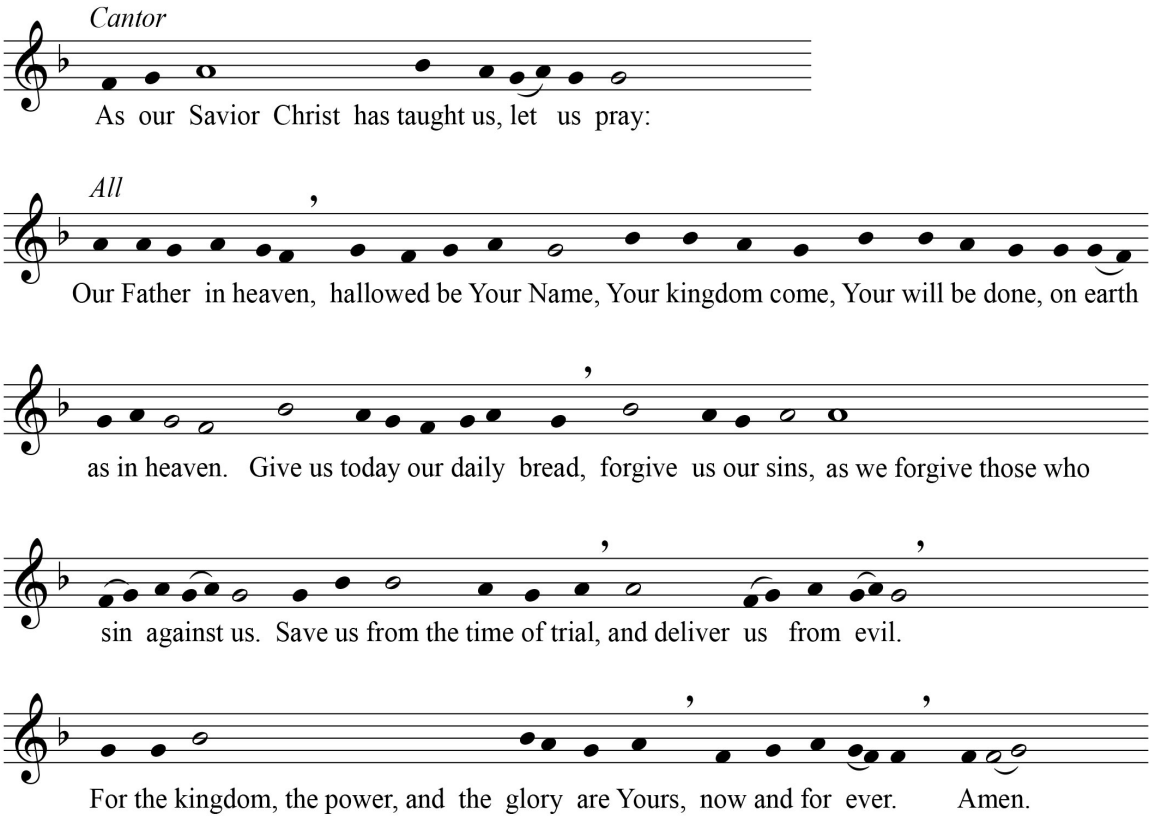
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer (Chanted)



Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth. Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, become one as we partake of it. Is not the breaking of this bread a means of sharing in the body of Christ?

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. Is not the cup a means of sharing in the blood of Christ?

Fraction Anthem Agnus Dei BELL AGNUS

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

Receiving the Bread and Cup

All are welcome to receive the sacrament. You do not have to be a member of Canterbury or of the United Methodist Church. It is the Lord's table and all of God's children are welcome. Ushers will guide you.

Anthem at Communion This Joyful Eastertide Easter Carol, arr. Parker/Shaw

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow!
Had Christ, that once was slain ne'er burst His three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain,
But now is Christ arisen!

*** Prayer After Receiving**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. May we be transformed into your image. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Response**

The flowers in the chapel are in loving memory of

Mary Margaret (Peggy) Hiller by her family

Thanksgiving for the Lives of

Harlan Irby Prater (Harlan Irby Prater, IV's father).....March 18, 2024
Debe Langston Hardy (Leigh Anne Philip's mother).....March 23, 2024
Robert Dabal, Sr. (Joan Dabal's husband/Dr. Bob Dabal's father).....March 31, 2024
Wayne W. Killion, III (Sandy Killion's son).....April 2, 2024

Happening at Canterbury

Wednesday Night Outreach Sessions
We are excited to announce a great new set of informative sessions that are taking place on Wednesday nights at 6 PM. For full details and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults
April 10 - Books to Prisons
April 17 - CPR Training
April 24 - Wellhouse
May 1 - Urban Ministries

New Opportunity! engAGE Lunch and Learn | April 18
Join us as we learn how to successfully navigate the seasons of our lives. Through this new program, engAGE, we will offer quarterly Lunch and Learn gatherings featuring engaging and informative topics on aging and how to live our best lives. On Thursday, April 18 from 11:30 AM - 1 PM, we will hear from our own Valerie Boyd, Executive Director of Encore and SAGE Ministries, as she addresses dementia prevention. Lunch is $10. Please register at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/sage-adults

Legacy Lunch | April 23 | 12 Noon
Please join us as we welcome Canterbury's very own Allen Baynes to share his long running NFL referee career and his latest adventure in refereeing this year's Superbowl. Allen will share stories, photos and his family history of being a part of the NFL organization. Come and ask all the questions that you have always wanted to know about the great sport of football on April 23 from 12-1 PM in Canterbury Hall. Lunch is $5. RSVP to Valerie at 205-874-1523 or valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.

UMW Spring Meeting & Luncheon | May 6
All are invited to the UMW spring meeting and luncheon that will be held on May 6 at 10:30 AM in Wesley Hall. Guest speaker will be Michael Wilson, Executive Director of Avondale Samaritan Place. ($17) You do not have to be a UMW member to attend! Please email Susan Yarbro at myarbro35223@yahoo.com to sign up.

Side by Side Community Chorus Concert | May 14 | 2 PM
Encore's Side by Side Community Chorus will present their spring benefit concert on May 14 at 2:00 PM in Canterbury Hall. This hard working and dedicated group of friends will share a fun and upbeat performance! Mark your calendar, see you there!

YAC Summer Events | Register Now
Summer is one of our favorite times at YAC, and we want your student to be a part of Senior High Lake Trip, Jr. High BigStuf Trip & Mission Week! For info, dates and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Vacation Bible Camp Volunteers Are Needed | June 10-13
One of the most fun weeks of the summer is coming June 10-13 and @kids_canterbury needs MANY adult volunteers to make VBC a huge SUCCESS! Questions? Contact Ruth at ruth.grissom@canterburyumc.org. Sign up to be a volunteer today at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Upcoming Events

Journeys of Paul Mediterranean Cruise

October 8-20, 2024
Join Rev. Tori Hastings, Canterbury pastors, and guest speaker Rev. Brian Erickson on a 10-night Mediterranean cruise, Journeys of Paul, October 8-20, 2024. Stops will include Cairo, Turkey, Santorini, Greece, Istanbul and more. For full details and registration info, visit: www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages

Register by May 26 to avoid extra fees!

Thank You for Joining Us Today!