



Canterbury
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

New Traditions

April 26, 2026

Good Shepherd Sunday

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. Matthew Montgomery

Pastor - Dr. Rick Owen

Youth Pastor - Rev. Gann Waters-Wright

Bishop in Residence - Dr. Mike Watson

Choirmaster and Organist - Dr. Lester Seigel

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. Here 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.

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 activity bags available as you enter the worship space. Excellent nursery care is provided for infants through age 4 for all regularly scheduled worship services.

Worship Online

Website

www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online

Facebook

www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch

YouTube

www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC

CONNECT

Next Steps Class This 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 it is our hope you will decide to make Canterbury your new church home. To register for the next class, please contact Becky King at becky.king@canterburyumc.org.

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Rick Owen

* Hymn 145

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

Collect

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

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis

All f
Glo - ry to God in the high - est! Sing glo - ry to God!
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth!

Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalms 23

Stan Nelson, cantor

The Lord is my shepherd; I *shall not want. | **The Lord makes me lie down *in green pastures.**
leads me be*side still waters, | re*stores my life,
leads me *in right paths | for the sake of *the Lord's name.
Even though I walk through the *darkest valley, | I *fear no evil;
for *you are with me; | your rod and your staff, they *comfort me.
You prepare a ta*ble before me | in the presence *of my enemies;
you anoint my *head with oil, | my cup *overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall *follow me | all the days *of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house *of the Lord | as long *as I live.

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.**



Sha - lom, Sha - lom, the peace of God be here. Sha - lom, Sha - lom, God's jus - tice be ev - er near.

* **Gospel Alleluia** (sung before and after the Gospel Lesson)



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

* **Gospel Lesson**

John 10: 1-10

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

Sermon

Rev. Hill Carmichael

* **Hymn 629**

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart, v. 1

GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

The Lord is My Shepherd
Jessie Mayne, solo

Howard Goodall

* **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

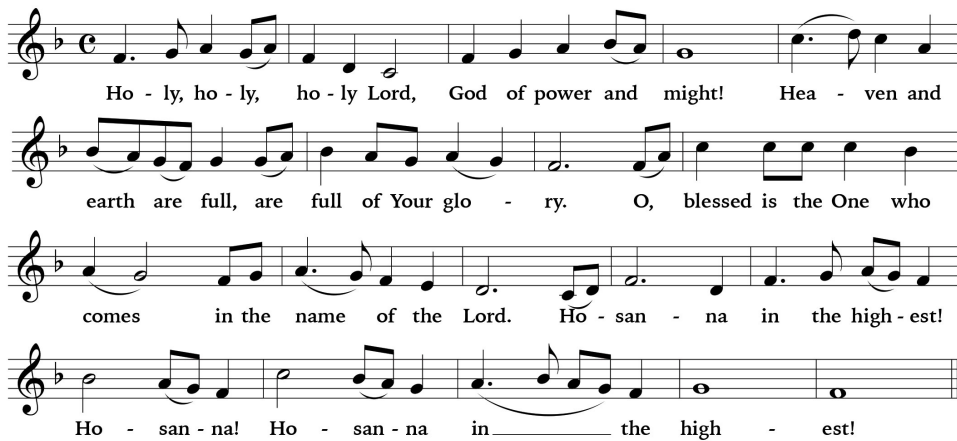
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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, Almighty God, 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might! Hea - ven and
earth are full, are full of Your glo - ry. O, blessed is the One who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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:

Christ has died; — Christ is ris - en; Christ — will come a - gain!

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 God, now and forever.

A - men! — A - men! — A - - - - men!

The Lord's Prayer (Chanted)

Cantor

As our Savior Christ has taught us, let us pray:

All

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Breaking the Bread and Giving the 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.

Music During Communion

They Follow Me

Leland Sateren

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life. And they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

*** 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**

Thanksgiving for the life of

Courtenay Renneker (Ann Bloodworth's brother).....April 13, 2026

Congratulations to

Laura & James Carpenter, the proud parents of a baby girl, Frances "Frannie" D'Olive Carpenter, born on April 14, 2026.

Happening at Canterbury

Love Again Toy Drive | Now - April 28

Share joy with children in Alabama's Black Belt by donating gently used toys and games (no furniture or clothing). Drop items in the Attic Plus truck in the parking lot by 4/28.

Kenya Mission & Water Filter Fundraiser

This summer, a team from Canterbury will travel to Nakuru, Kenya, partnering with Start With One Kenya to share Christ's love in tangible ways. We invite you to support our Abundant Life Water Filters initiative, providing UZIMA ("life") water filtration systems for families without safe drinking water. Your gifts will be shared equally - supporting the purchase of filters and helping send our team to serve.



Thank you for being part of this life-giving mission! Donate any amount by scanning the QR code, or delivering a check to the Finance Office marked Kenya Mission.

UMW Spring Luncheon Meeting | May 4 | 10:30 AM

Join us for the UMW Spring Meeting and Luncheon on May 4 at 10:30 AM in Wesley Hall. We will welcome Stacy Smith, who will share about her upcoming commissioning as our church's missionary to Tanzania, where she will teach at Wesley College. We will also present the Anne Berte Award. Lunch will be provided by Ashley Mac's. (\$18) Reserve your lunch by April 28, contact Leigh Isbell.

Senior Night | May 3 | 5:30 PM

Join us Sunday, May 3 as we celebrate our incredible graduating Seniors! It will be at 5:30 PM in Canterbury Hall, and all 7th-11th grade YACs are encouraged to attend to support our 12th graders!

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Calm Before the Stork | May 3 | 9:30 AM

Growing your family through birth, adoption, or fostering? Join us to learn how Canterbury will support you in these sacred days. We'll cover baptism, nursery and Sunday School, and share helpful resources for your little one—plus get you on our prayer list.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Mom & Me Cupcake Challenge | May 3 | 2 PM

Kids! You're invited to a super sweet afternoon of fun at 2 PM in Canterbury Hall. Bring your mom, grandmother, or a special adult friend and team to decorate based on our surprise theme. Get creative, add a little friendly competition, and enjoy plenty of frosting, sprinkles, and laughter along the way.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Women's Serve Night | May 7 | 6 PM

ALL Canterbury Women! Join us as we host the girls of Grace House for a special night of dinner, crafts, and connection. Serve as a buddy, help with dinner or crafts, or float where needed. Come be part of this meaningful evening! Scan the QR code to register.



David Thomas & Sissy Goff | April 28 Capable: The Book Tour

David Thomas returns to Canterbury with Sissy Goff for a meaningful evening for parents. With more than 30 years of experience as therapists at Daystar Counseling Ministries, they offer practical wisdom and deep compassion for children and families. As authors, speakers, and hosts of the Raising Boys & Girls podcast, they'll share insights from their new book, *Capable: How To Teach Your Kids the Strengths, Skills, and Strategies to Build Resilience*. *This is a must-attend event for all parents!*



Purchase Tickets: www.tprlive.co

Or scan the QR code!