

WHAT MATTERS MOST



New Traditions
August 16, 2026

Thank you for joining us!

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

Children's Pastor - Rev. Eleanor Christiansen

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

Rev. Eleanor Christiansen

* Hymn 154

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, vv. 1, 3, 5, 6

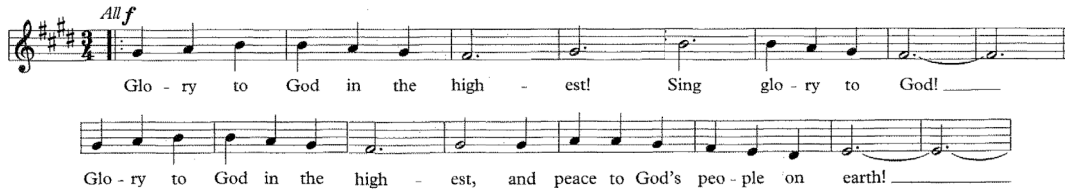
CORONATION

Collect

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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis



Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalms 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

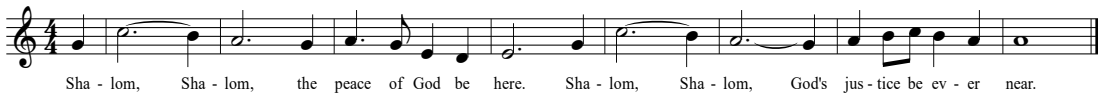
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

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

Acts 2: 42-47

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

Sermon

What Matters Most: The One Thing

Rev. Hill Carmichael

*** Hymn 383**

This is a Day of New Beginnings, vv. 1, 3, 5

BEGINNINGS

Prayers of the People

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Henry Purcell

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice! Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving make your requests known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

* 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.**

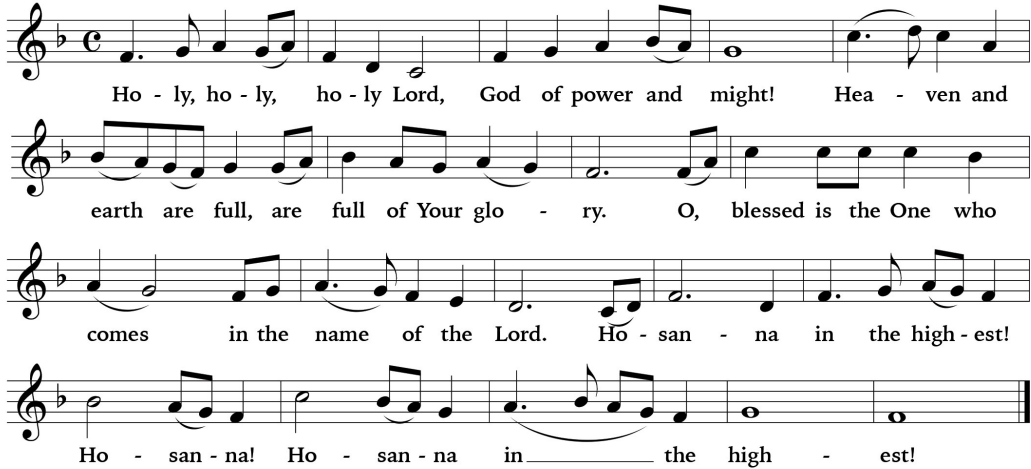
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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:



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.

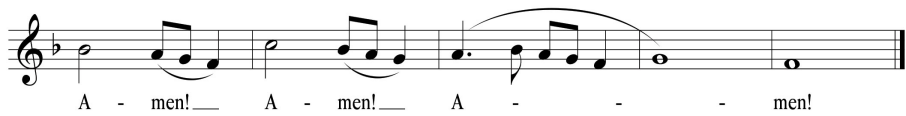
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples,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

Music During Communion

View Me, Lord

Richard Lloyd

View me, Lord, a work of thine; shall I then lie drown'd in night? Might thy grace in me but shine, I should seem made all of light.

In thy Word, Lord, is my trust; to thy mercies fast I fly. Though I am but clay and dust, yet thy Grace can lift me high.

Become to Us the Living Bread

GELOBT SEI GOTT

* 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.

* Choral Benediction

A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

Lester Seigel

Day by day, Lord, of Thee three things I pray: to see Thee more clearly,
love Thee more dearly, follow Thee more nearly.

Our guest Choirmaster and Organist this morning is Rick Phillips, Choirmaster and Organist at Highlands United Methodist Church.

Thanksgiving for the life of

Linda BroachAugust 6, 2026

DAILY READING PLAN

Our churchwide Bible reading plan returns in September with the Book of Genesis!

Beginning Sunday evening, September 6, you will receive an email outlining the readings for the week. If you do not receive an email, please help us out by emailing becky.king@canterburyumc.org to make sure the church has your correct email address.

Happening at Canterbury

Wednesday Nights Return August 19

Canterbury Hall • 5-6:30 PM

Complimentary

Chik-Fil-A Dinner • Ice Cream
Inflatables for Kids • Explore Fall Studies

FALL STUDIES Begin August 26

Register Now for Sessions 1 & 2

What happens when God interrupts our plans? This fall, journey through the Old Testament and discover how God has always worked in unexpected ways. Through surprising twists, unlikely people, and divine interruptions, we'll see God's plans are often far better than our own. Pick your favorite



books offered and explore how God's

"Holy Mischief" continues to shape lives!

Classes begin Wednesday, August 26, 6 PM.

To register, scan the QR code or visit:

www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults


**HOLY
MISCHIEF**
DIVINELY DISRUPTIVE SINCE THE BEGINNING

- Judges, Rick Owen
- PROVERBS, Lisa Donnell & John Hutchinson
- GENESIS, Tori Hastings
- ECCLESIASTES, Matthew Montgomery
- RUTH, Natalie Moon & Annie Skinner
- NEHEMIAH, Keith Thompson

Other Offerings:

- History of Methodist Hymns, Lester Seigel
- The After Party, Tom Owens
- The After Party, Bill Morgan (*Thursday at Noon)

Holy Land at Home | August 20 & 23

Experience the Holy Land through the eyes of Nimati Tahhan, a Jerusalem resident and guide, as she shares personal stories, cultural insight, and a deeper look at the people and places of Israel.

• Part 1: Beyond the Headlines

August 20 | 12 Noon | Wesley Hall

Go beyond the news cycle for a firsthand look at everyday life, faith, challenges, and hope in Israel today. Bring your lunch and a friend!

• Part 2: Holy Land at Home

August 23 | 9:15 AM | Wesley Hall

Take a photo journey through the Holy Land's sacred sites as Nimati brings Scripture to life with firsthand knowledge and rich context. See these familiar places with fresh eyes.

Women's Serve Night | September 1 | 6 PM

All ladies are invited! Join us for dinner and a service project with the girls of Grace House. This is a great opportunity to connect, serve, and encourage young women in foster care. Register and learn how to help: www.canterburyumc.org/community/encouragers

Grief Care | Begins September 9 | 12 PM

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you don't have to walk through it alone. Join Hill Carmichael for this six-week supportive group offering encouragement, meaningful conversation, and hope in the company of others who understand.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Next Steps | Begins September 13 | 9:15 AM

This friendly Sunday morning class is a basic introduction to our church family and a wonderful time for you to continue building connections with others. If you are interested in making Canterbury your church home, please join us on 9/13, 9/20 & 9/27.

To register, email becky.king@canterburyumc.org.