

WHAT MATTERS MOST



New Traditions
August 23, 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

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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. Matthew Montgomery

* Hymn 547

O Church of God, United, vv. 1, 2, 4

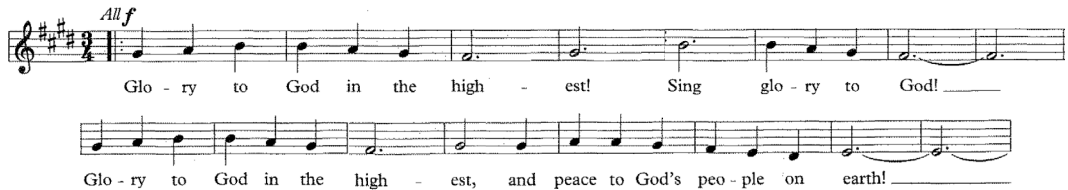
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Collect

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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis



Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalm 37: 3-9

Stan Nelson, cantor

Trust in the Lord, *and do good; | so you will dwell in the land, and enjoy se*curity.

Take delight *in the Lord, | who will give you the desires *of your heart.

Commit your way *to the Lord; | trust in God, *who will act,

bringing forth your vindication *as the light, | and your right *as the noonday.

Be still and wait patiently be*fore the Lord; | do not be angry because of those who prosper in their way, because of those who carry out e*vil devices!

Refrain from anger, and *forsake wrath! | Do not be angry; it leads on*ly to evil.

For the wicked shall *be cut off; | but those who wait for the Lord shall pos*sess the land.

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.**



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



*** The Lesson**

Matthew 6: 19-24

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

Sermon

What Matters Most: The Better Treasure

Rev. Keith Thompson

*** Hymn 430**

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee, vv. 1, 4

MARYTON

Prayers of the People

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Jubilate Deo

Sam Batt Owens

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands! Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song! Be ye sure that the Lord, He is God, it is He that hath made us and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of his pasture. O, go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His Name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy his everlasting, and His truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Psalm 100 and Gloria Patri)

*** 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

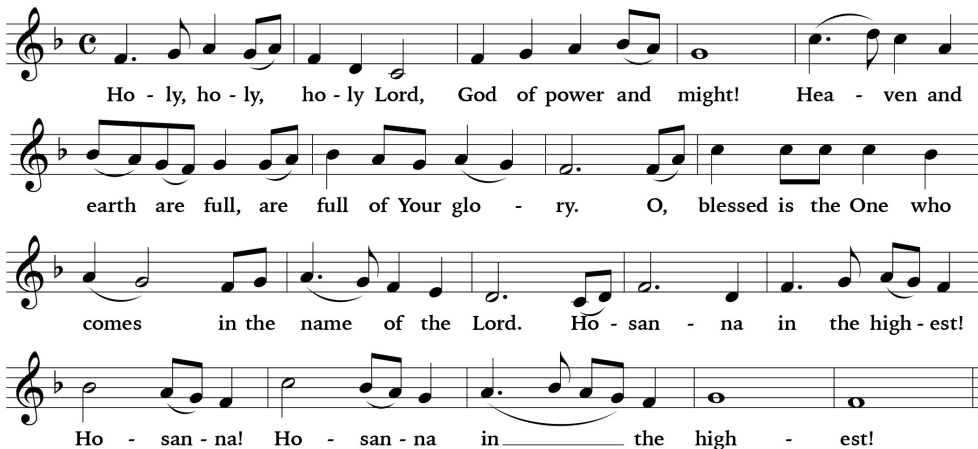
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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:



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.



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.

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

Ave, Verum Corpus

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for humankind, from whose wounded body flowed water and blood; be for us a foretaste of the banquet of Heaven in our time of death.

* 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

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

Young Adult Fall Kick-Off Dinner

September 10 | 6 PM

Calling all Young Adults! If you are interested in hearing what is happening this fall for the YAMs (Young Adult Ministry), we will gather for dinner from 6-7pm in Wesley Hall on September 10. Mark your calendars and come join the fun!

FALL STUDIES Begin this Wednesday, 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



- 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)

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.

Men's Breakfast | September 24 | 6:30 AM

Wake up early and come for breakfast and hear from Hill Carmichael. He'll share about the Kenya Mission trip and Canterbury's impactful partnerships there. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry

Encouragers Registration & Kickoff Dinner

This ministry is designed to connect women of all ages through faith and friendship. Small groups meet monthly to study God's Word, pray for one another, build meaningful relationships, and support each other through every season of life. Groups also participate in Women's Serve Nights throughout the year and groups refresh each fall. *Sign up for 2026-2027 by September 1!*

KICK OFF DINNER is SEPTEMBER 24 at 6 PM.



Guest speaker will be Kathryn Tortorici, author of TWO by TWO. Scan QR code to register now.