

WHAT MATTERS MOST



New Traditions
August 30, 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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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 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, vv. 1, 2, 4

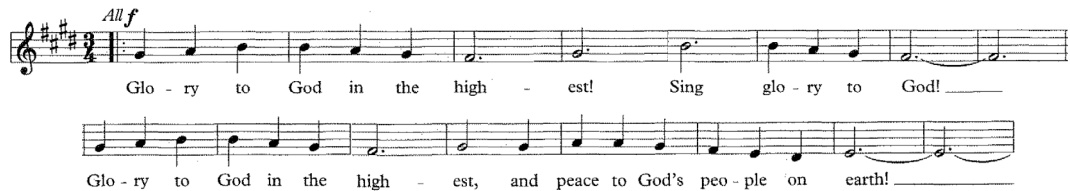
BEECHER

Collect

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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis



Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalms 80: 8-15

Stan Nelson, cantor

You brought a vine *out of Egypt; | you drove out the nations and *planted it.

You cleared the *ground for it; | it took deep root and *filled the land.

The mountains were covered *with its shade, | the mighty cedars *with its branches;

it sent out its branches *to the sea, | and its shoots *to the river.

Why then have you broken *down its walls, | so that all who pass along the way *pluck its fruit?

The boar from the forest rav*ages it, } and all that move in the field *feed on it.

Turn again, O *God of hosts! | Look down from heav*en, and see:

have regard *for this vine, | the stock which your *right hand planted.

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

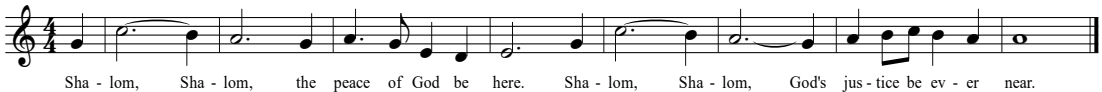
Kyrie 482

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)



* Gospel Lesson

John 15: 1-11

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

Sermon

What Matters Most: Abide

Rev. Hill Carmichael

*** Hymn 111**

How Can We Name a Love, vv. 1, 4

TERRA BEATA

Prayers of the People

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

He, Watching Over Israel (from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, he will quicken thee.

* 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

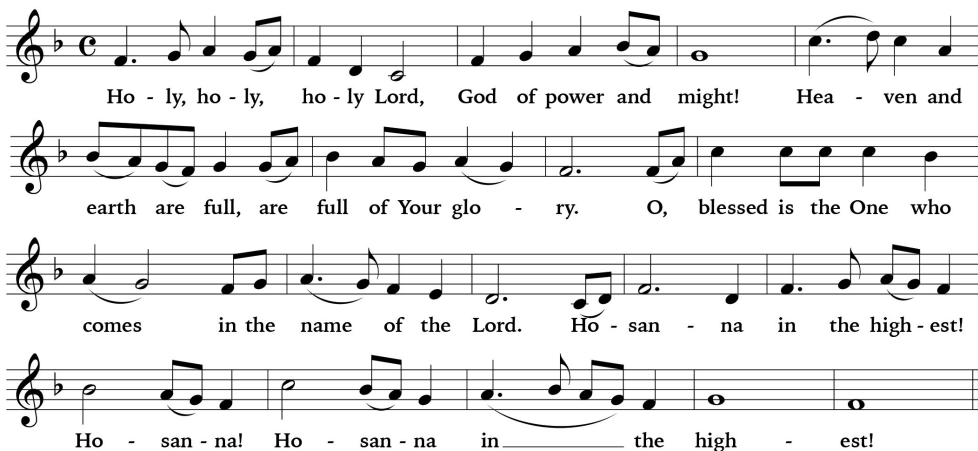
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.



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

It is a Precious Thing

Johann Friedrich Peter

Kathleen Buccleugh, Daniel, soloists

It is a precious thing when the heart is fixed and trusteth in God, through the mercy of God and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

My heart is resting, O my Savior, in Thy loving care; my heart is ever stayed on Thee. O hear my earnest prayer that ever-faithful I may be, and ever do Thy will; O grant this in Thy mercy still through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* 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 & Sending Forth

Thanksgiving for the lives of

John Beeler.....August 20, 2026

Kelly Allen (Mary Martha Allen's husband & Polly Manuel's father).....August 24, 2026

Congratulations to

- Ann Lindsey & John Bissell, parents of Sheffield “Shef” Owens Bissell, born on August 9, 2026.
- Adeline & Caleb Carroll, parents of Watson Carroll, born on August 20, 2026.
- Grace Ann & Joe Azar, parents of Josie Azar, born on August 21, 2026

New Traditions will not be held next Sunday, September 6.

There will be one combined service at 10:30 AM in Canterbury Center.

Happening at Canterbury

DAILY READING PLAN

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

Beginning Sunday eveing, September 6, you will receive an email outling 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.

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

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!

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.

Third Grade Bible Presentation September 13 | 9:15-10:15 AM

We are looking forward to seeing you and your 3rd grader at our milestone on September 13. We will present Bibles to each 3rd grader individually during the Sunday School hour and follow that presentation with a teaching session on how to use your Bible. We will continue our celebration of these 3rd graders with their church family during worship as their church blesses these Bibles and the hands that hold them during 10:30 AM Sanctuary worship. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

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!* Register for an Encouragers group by visiting: www.canterburyumc.org/community/encouragers

The KICK OFF DINNER is SEPTEMBER 24 at 6 PM. Guest speaker will be Kathryn Tortorici, author of TWO by TWO. Scan the QR code to register for the dinner.

