

REAL



New Traditions
August 9, 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. Keith Thompson

* Hymn 529

How Firm a Foundation, vv. 1, 3, 5

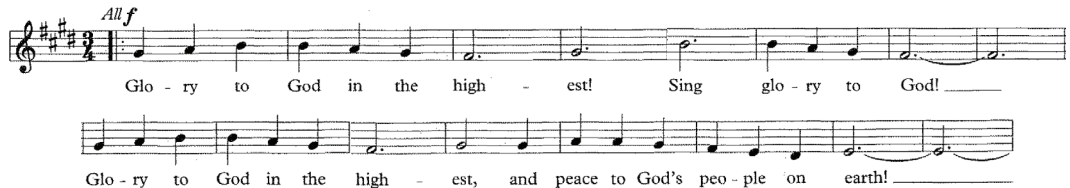
FOUNDATION

Collect

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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 66: 16-20

Stan Nelson, cantor

Come and hear, all you who *worship God, | and I will tell what God has *done for me.

I cried a*loud to God, | who was highly praised *with my tongue.

If I had cherished iniquity *in my heart, | the Lord would *not have listened.

But truly *God has listened, | and has given heed to the voice *of my prayer.

Bless*ed be God, | **who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast *love from me.**

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

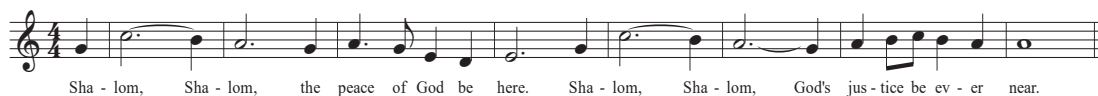
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

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 16: 16-34

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

Sermon

Faith that Stays: Visiting the Prisoner

Rev. Tori Hastings

*** Hymn 121**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, vv. 1, 2, 4

WELLESLEY

Prayers of the People

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Awake, O Lord, and Hasten (From Cantata 22)

J.S. Bach

Awake us, Lord, and hasten: Thy holy Spirit give!

The old ways in us chasten, that our new selves may live!

On earth may know Thee only, our thoughts give to Thee wholly, and all Thy goodness own.

*** 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

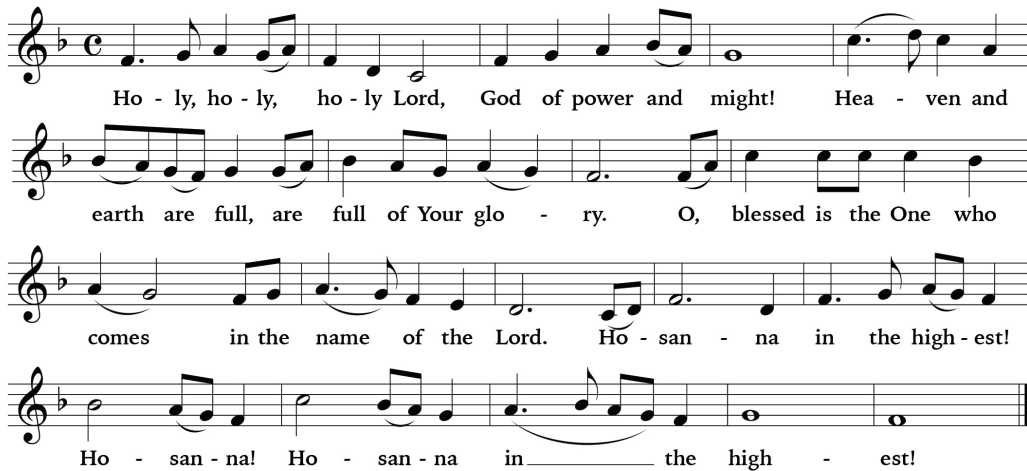
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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...



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 I Want Jesus To Walk With Me African-Amerlcan Spiritual

I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me. When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
When I’m troubled, Lord, walk with me. When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

*** 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.

*** Reception of New Members**

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church and bid you welcome to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God’s help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

*** 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.

Thanksgiving for the Life of

Ramona Melton.....July 30, 2026

Wedding

The flowers on the Chapel altar are placed in honor of Mary Catherine Rollins Ferguson & Martin Albert Haskins Patrick who were united in holy matrimony on August 8, 2026.

Happening at Canterbury

AUGUST

- **August 16** Regular Worship Schedule Returns
 - 8:15 AM New Traditions
 - 10:30 AM Sanctuary Worship
 - 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship
- **August 16** - YAC Fall Kickoff, 5-7
- **August 19** - Wednesday Night Kickoff, 5-6:30
- **August 26** - Fall Studies Begin, 6-7

Wednesday Nights Return August 19

Canterbury Hall • 5-6:30 PM

Complimentary

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

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.

HOLY MISCHIEF

DIVINELY DISRUPTIVE SINCE THE BEGINNING

Register for Fall Studies | 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 August 26. For a list of studies and to sign up, scan the QR code or visit: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults



Women's Serve Night | September 1 | 6 PM

All Canterbury women are invited! Join us as we host the girls of Grace House for dinner, a fun craft, and a service project. Sponsored by Encouragers, this is a meaningful opportunity to encourage young women in foster care while serving and connecting with women of all ages. RSVP and find ways to help, visit: 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. Whether your loss is recent or years ago, all are welcome. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

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