



Canterbury  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**New Traditions**

**February 1, 2026**

Fifth Sunday in Epiphany

## 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](http://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](http://www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online)

#### Facebook

[www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch](https://www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch)

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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](mailto:becky.king@canterburyumc.org).

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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

# Order of Worship

## Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Rick Owen

### \* Hymn 66

Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven, vv. 1, 3, 4

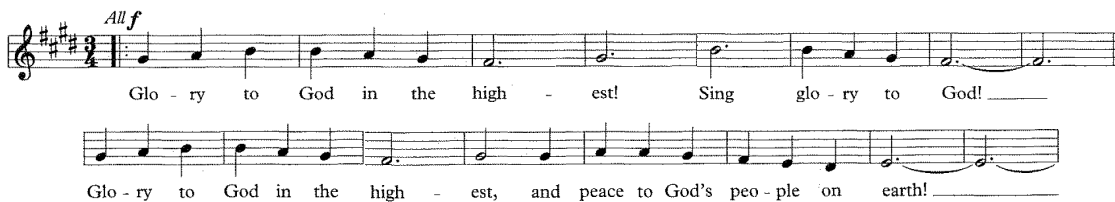
LAUDA ANIMA

### Collect

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

**Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 15

Stan Nelson, cantor

O Lord, who shall abide \*in your tent? | Who shall dwell in your \*holy hill?

**The one who walks blamelessly, and does \*what is right, | and speaks the truth \*from the heart;**

who does not slander with the tongue, and does no evil \*to a friend, | nor takes up a reproach a\*gainst a neighbor;

**in whose eyes a reproach \*is despised, | but who honors those who \*fear the Lord;**

who does not put out money at interest, and does not take a bribe a\*gainst the innocent.

**The one who does these things shall ne\*ver be moved.**

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

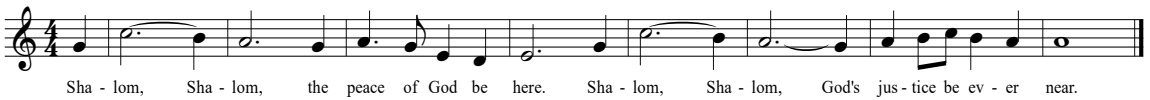
## Kyrie 482

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**

Matthew 5: 1-12

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

**Sermon**

Rev. Hill Carmichael

**\* Hymn 472**

Near to the Heart of God

McAFEE

**Prayers of the People**

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

**Giving Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Anthem**

Blessed Are the Righteous

David Bloom

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

The Lord does not let the righteous go hungry, but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.

But whoever drinks from the water I give him will never thirst; indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven; let the righteous rejoice in him and take refuge in him, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Amen.

**\* 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

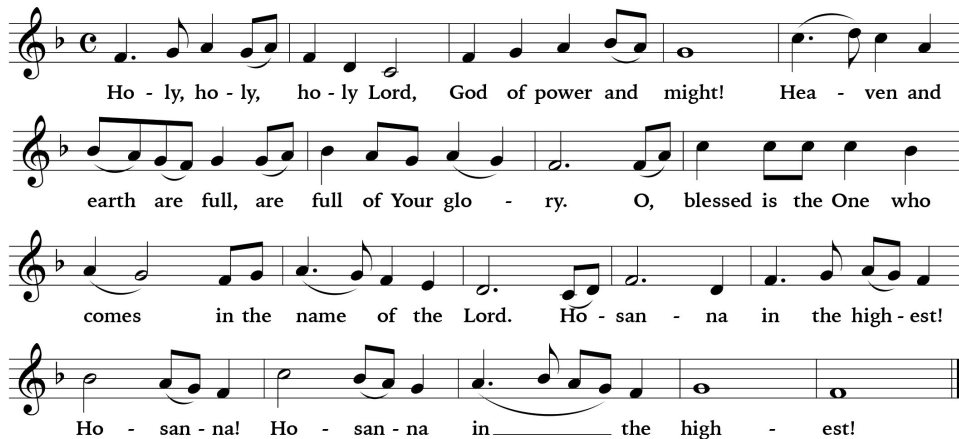
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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. Ushers will guide you.*

## Music During Communion

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright. Drawn by thee our souls  
aspiring soar to uncreated light. Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life  
impassioned, striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.

## \* 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

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## Thanksgiving for the life of

Janice Windham.....January 17, 2026

## Congratluations to

Evan and Morgan Massey, the proud parents of a baby boy, Ford Merrell Massey, born on  
January 15, 2026.

Barton & Scott Stylslinger, the proud parents of a baby boy, Thomas "Reese" Stylslinger, born on  
January 16, 2026.

# Happening at Canterbury

## engAGE Lunch & Learn | February 10 | 11:30 AM

Join us as we welcome back Warren B. Lightfoot. Enjoy a wonderful lunch as he leads us through engaging exploration of the resurrection, examining the evidence for Christ's bodily resurrection through classical art and authoritative sources, including the Bible. Come be inspired, challenged, and enriched by this exploration of faith, history, and art. All are welcome! \$10. RSVP by February 5 to [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org).

## New Learning Opportunity! Begins February 12 | 11:30 AM

Join us for a meaningful series of Thursday day-time learning sessions as we continue growing together on our discipleship journey. "Exploring the Life and Witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer" will allow us to take a closer look at the life, theology, and his lasting impact through three sessions in Room M227. Feel free to attend one, two, or all three! Registration not required.

- Thursday, February 12 | 11:30 AM-1 PM  
Rachel Estes will show a film on the life of Bonhoeffer.
- Thursday, February 19 | 11:30 AM-12:30 PM  
Pastor Bill Morgan will share reflections.
- Thursday, February 26 | 11:30 AM-12:30 PM  
Pastor Tori Hastings will continue the conversation.

## Men's Breakfast | February 26 | 6:30 AM

Join us for breakfast on February 26 from 6:30-7:30 AM in Canterbury Hall. Our very own Bishop Mike Watson will be sharing words of inspiration as we journey together through the Lenten season. Note: due to increased costs, our breakfast is now \$15. Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry](http://www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry)

## Discovery Weekend | March 13-15

This is a retreat for all 7th-12th graders filled with meaningful talks, amazing worship, fun games, and more! It's different from other retreats because it all happens here at Canterbury and it is put on by the Sr. High students for our Jr. High students! Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth)

## Speakers David Thomas & Sissy Goff April 28 | 6 PM

Save the date! David Thomas returns this spring with Sissy Goff for a special evening of insight and encouragement. With over 30 years of experience walking alongside children and families at Daystar Counseling Ministries, they bring practical wisdom, deep compassion, and real hope. Authors and hosts of the Raising Boys & Girls podcast, they'll also introduce their new book, *Capable*. Use --> Pre-sale code: CHURCH at [www.TPRLive.co](http://www.TPRLive.co) now through February 4 at 10 AM.

## Spring Reading Plan | The Gospel of Luke



As we move into February, we will examine a new form of Jesus' teachings... parables! It's interesting that Jesus, who had all the answers, would often teach through parables - they can be life giving, and they can also be mysterious. Straight answers from Jesus are hard to come by, and it seems as if Jesus enjoys making us search for the answers. We hope these readings are guiding you to encounter God each and every day. Scan the QR code to follow along!

**Today's Offertory Anthem**, *Blessed Are the Righteous*, was composed for the Canterbury Choir by Canterbury's own David Bloom during his final year at Indian Springs School. Since those early and auspicious beginnings, David has gone on to build a distinguished career as a conductor based in New York City. He currently directs the ensemble Contemporaneous, leading a wide range of innovative and pathbreaking musical programs, alongside many other musical endeavors. We celebrate David's continued success and give thanks for his enduring musical gifts.