



Canterbury  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**New Traditions**  
**February 8, 2026**

## 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)

#### YouTube

[www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC](https://www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC)

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. Bill Morgan

## \* Hymn 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty vv. 1,4,5

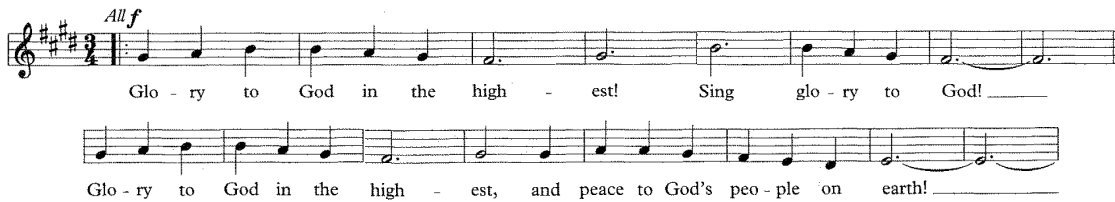
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## Collect

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

**Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Gloria In Excelsis



## Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalm 112: 1-6

Stan Nelson, cantor

Praise the Lord! Blessed are those who \*fear the Lord, | who greatly delight in  
\*God's commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty \*in the land; | the generation of the upright  
\*will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are \*in their house, | and their righteousness en\*dures forever.

**They rise in the darkness as a light \*for the upright; | they are gracious,  
merciful \*and righteous.**

It is well with those who deal generous\*ly and lend, | who conduct their af\*fairs with justice.

**For the righteous shall ne\*ver be moved; | they will be remembered \*forever.**

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

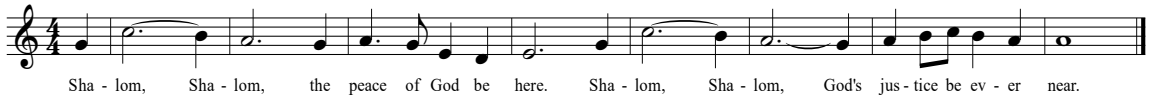
## Kyrie 482

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: 13-20

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

**Sermon**

Rev. Hill Carmichael

**\* Hymn 581**

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service vv. 1, 3

BEACH SPRING

**Prayers of the People**

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

**Giving Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Anthem**

O Sing Unto the Lord

Hans Leo Hassler

O sing unto the Lord, sing Him a new song! O sing unto the Lord, all the earth;  
O sing unto the Lord, blessing His holy name. Declare His glory to ev'ry nation,  
show forth His salvation from day to day. Declare to all people now His marvelous glory!

**\* 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

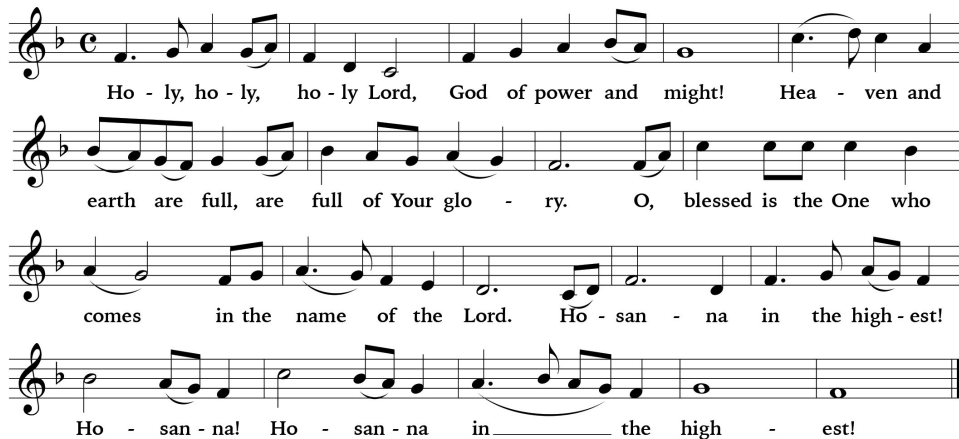
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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:**



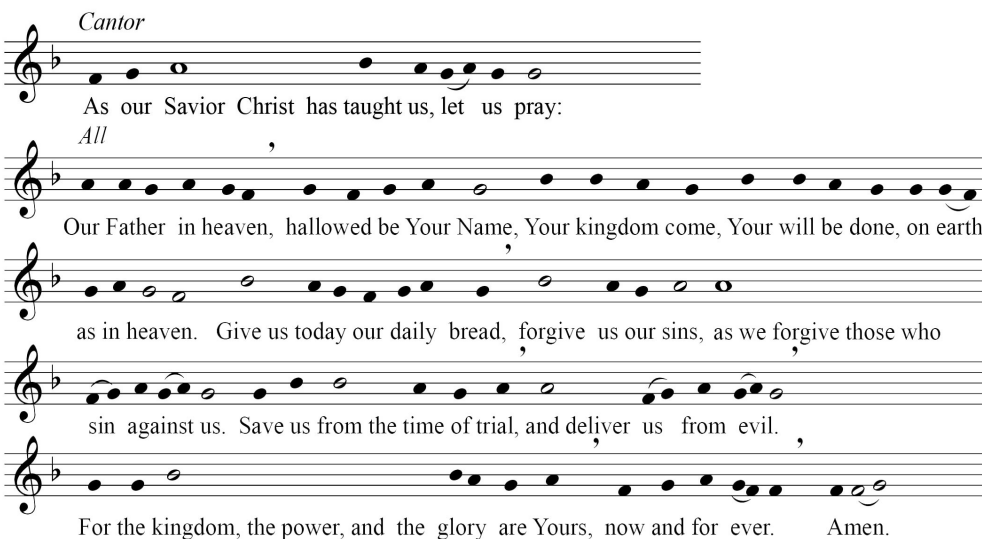
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

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**

O Food to Pilgrims Given

15th c. German Melody

O food to pilgrims given, O bread of life from heaven, O manna from on high!  
We hunger; Lord, supply us, nor thy delights deny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.  
O stream of love past telling, O purest fountain, welling from out the Savior's side!  
We faint with thirst; revive us, of thine abundance give us, and all we need provide.  
O Jesus, by thee bidden, we here adore thee, hidden in forms of bread and wine.  
Grant when the veil is risen, we may behold, in heaven, thy countenance divine.

## **\* 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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# Happening at Canterbury

## Winter Studies Session 2

### Begins February 11

Want to join a Wednesday night study? Wrapping up a Session 1 study and need to select another for Session 2? Head to the church website at [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults) and sign up!

## Daytime Series on Dietrich Bonhoeffer

### Begins February 12

Join us for a meaningful series of Thursday daytime 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.

## Delivery Volunteers Needed

Canterbury Outreach needs volunteers to pack and deliver 75 food bags for students at Jackson Olin High School. Bag packing happens the first Wednesday of each month, from 5-6 PM during Wednesday Night dinner...no sign-up needed, just show up! Deliveries take place the following Thursday morning. We need three drivers to load at Canterbury and arrive at JOHS by 10 AM on Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 2, and May 7. If you can help, email [carolinebundy@gmail.com](mailto:carolinebundy@gmail.com).

## Ash Wednesday | February 18

- Morning Ashes | 7-8:30 AM | Chapel Lot
- Noon Service | 12 PM | Chapel
- Evening Blues Service | 6 PM | Canterbury Center

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

Join us for breakfast on February 26 in Canterbury Hall. Our very own Bishop Mike Watson will be sharing words of inspiration as we journey together through the Lenten season. \$15. Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry](http://www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry)

## Discovery Weekend | March 13-15

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

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*. Tickets: [www.TPRLive.co](http://www.TPRLive.co).



## Spring Reading Plan | The Gospel of Luke

This month, we are examining 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!](#)