

REAL



New Traditions
July 12, 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. Eleanor Christiansen

* Hymn 96

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

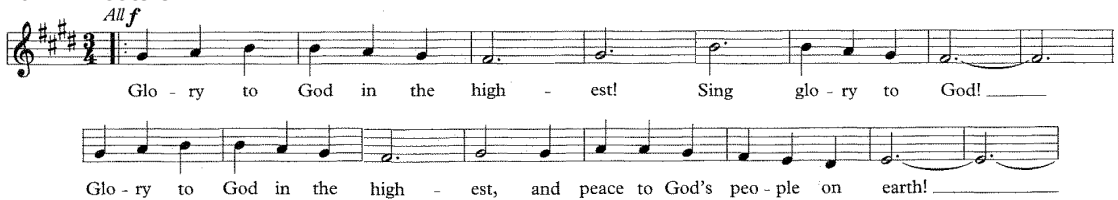
AMSTERDAM

Collect

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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you; grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis



Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalms 119: 105-112

Stan Nelson, cantor

Your word is a lamp *to my feet | and a light *to my path.

I have sworn an oath *and confirmed it | to observe your righteous ord*inances.

I am severe*ly afflicted: | give me life, O Lord, according *to your word.

Accept my offerings of *praise, O Lord, | and teach me your ord*inances.

I hold my life in my hand contin*ually | but I do not for*get your law.

The wicked have laid a *snare for me | but I do not stray *from your precepts.

Your decrees are my heritage *forever; | they are the joy *of my heart.

I incline my heart to perform *your statutes | forever, *to the end.

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

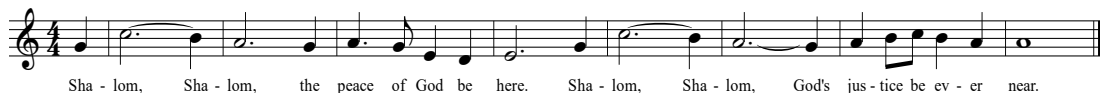
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

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 6: 1-15

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

Sermon

Faith That Stays: Food & Drink

Rev. Tori Hastings

*** Hymn 540**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord, vv. 1,2,4,5

ST. THOMAS

Prayers of the People

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Sicut Cervus

Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina

As the deer longs for the waterbrooks, so my soul longs for You, O God. (Ps. 42: 1)

*** 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.**

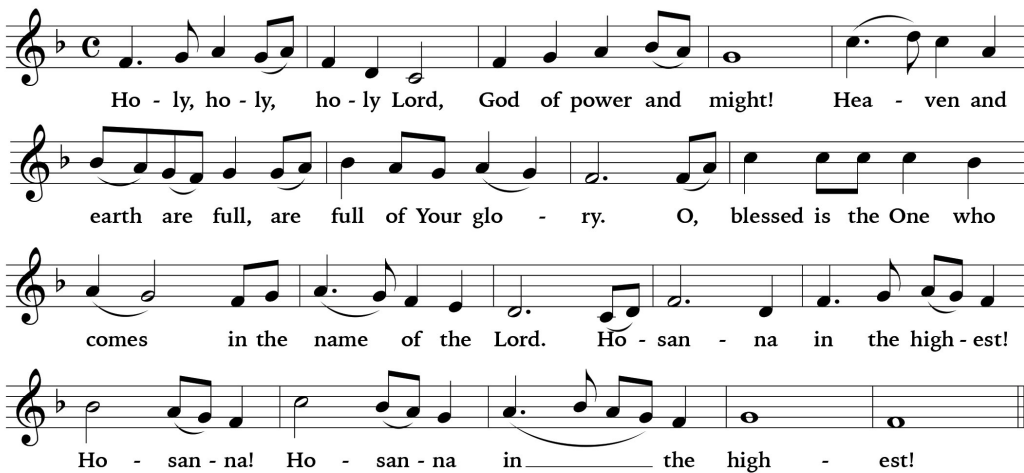
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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...

**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 The Kingdom of God Austin Lovelace

The Kingdom of God is justice and joy, for Jesus restores what sin would destroy; God's power and glory in Jesus we know, and here and hereafter the Kingdom shall grow.
The Kingdom of God is mercy and grace, the lepers are cleansed, the sinners find place, the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share, and hope is awakened in place of despair.
The Kingdom of God is challenge and choice, believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross, our crisis of judgment for gain or for loss.
God's Kingdom is come, the gift and the goal, in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the Kingdom shall answer his call, and call things cry 'glory' to God all in all.
(Bryn Rees)

- * **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** 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 lives of

George "Snoozy" Jones (George Jones & Suzanne Wright's father).....July 6, 2026
David Haigler (Kay Haigler's husband).....July 8, 2026

Shop Now for Christmas Village!

We're getting a jump start on collecting toys for our annual Christmas Village event held at Avondale Samaritan Place.



It's easy...just shop from the list locally at Snoozy's Kids or through the Amazon Wish List link (scan QR code) between now and July 31!
It's a great way to help supply the needed toys for over 400 local children before our November drive.



Toy Drive Benefiting Avondale Samaritan Place and the Annual Christmas Village

Happening at Canterbury



YAC Magic City Work Week | July 12-18

This is an amazing week for our youth to serve in the West End area. Please be in prayer for this team of students and volunteers as they paint and repair homes for our Birmingham neighbors.

Men's Breakfast | July 16 | 6:30 AM

Men of all ages are invited to join us for a summer morning of fellowship, great food, and good conversation. Our special guest will be Perryn Carroll. Come connect with friends, meet someone new, and start your day together in community learning about the ministry of Jimmie Hale Mission.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry

Encouragers Registration | Now Open



Connect with women of all ages through faith, friendship, and encouragement.

Small groups meet monthly to pray, build relationships, and support one another through every season of life. Looking for deeper community? Join us! Scan the QR code to register.

Beach Reads | July 28 | 5:30 PM

The next gathering will be on TUESDAY, July 28. Dinner at 5:30, discussion at 6:00 PM. Whether you're reading by the pool, at the beach, or on your back porch, this is a wonderful way to stay connected and

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 20-23

Over 350 children are registered and here's how YOU can help make it out-of-this-world!

• Be a Volunteer

This is open to youth and adults of all ages. Just 10 more leaders are needed! Sign up today: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

• Provide Hospitality Snacks



Fuel our VBS Crew with some stellar snacks and refreshments throughout the week! Scan QR code to sign up, or visit: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

• Help Decorate | July 15 | 5-7 PM

Join us on Wednesday evening, July 15 from 5-7 PM and help us make STARSTRUCK a truly cosmic experience for our kiddos! Registration not required, just show up in comfy shoes and ready to decorate!



Thank You for Your Support

Two dates remain for this popular UMW fundraiser that raises funds to help support local deserving not-for-profit organizations. Please make plans to participate and make sure to mention "Canterbury" when you check out!



JULY 22
Crestline
(dinner only)



JULY 29
Crestline