

REAL



New Traditions

July 19, 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



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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

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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.

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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

Rev. Eleanor Christiansen

* Hymn 116

The God of Abraham Praise, vv. 1, 2, 4

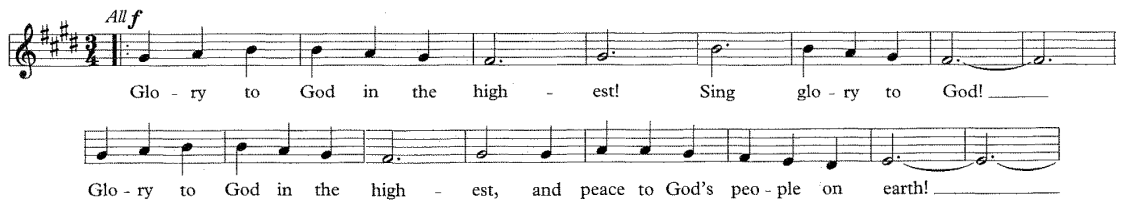
LEONI

Collect

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

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 116: 12-17

Stan Nelson, cantor

What shall I return *to the Lord | for all my *benefits?

I will lift up the cup *of salvation | and call on the name *of the Lord,

I will pay my vows *to the Lord | in the presence of *all his people.

Precious in the sight *of the Lord | is the death of his *faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child *of your handmaid. | You have *loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you the sacrifice *of thanksgiving | and call on the name *of the Lord.

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

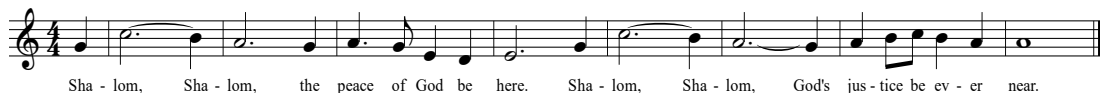
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

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.**



Baptism

Whitten Michael Dewitz

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Our Lord has expressly given to little children a place among the people of God, which holy privilege must not be denied them. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, how He said, *"Let the children come to Me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God."*

To the parents

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you; Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people everywhere? **We do.**

Will you nurture Whitten Michael in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? **We will.**

To the congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this family now before you in your care?

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Whitten Michael, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

The Baptism

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother into the body of Christ.

Through baptism we are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

Choral Response

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

STUTT GART

Child of blessing, Child of promise baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

*** The Lesson**

Genesis 18: 1-8
The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Faith That Stays: Inviting the Stranger

Rev. Hill Carmichael

*** Hymn 436**

The Voice of God is Calling, vv. 1, 3, 4

WEBB

Prayers of the People

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

God is present wherever charity and love are. We are gathered together because of the love of God; let us rejoice and be glad in it. We gather to revere and love the living God, and let us love one another with sincere hearts. Amen. (Attributed to Paulinus of Aquileia, 7th c. CE)

*** 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

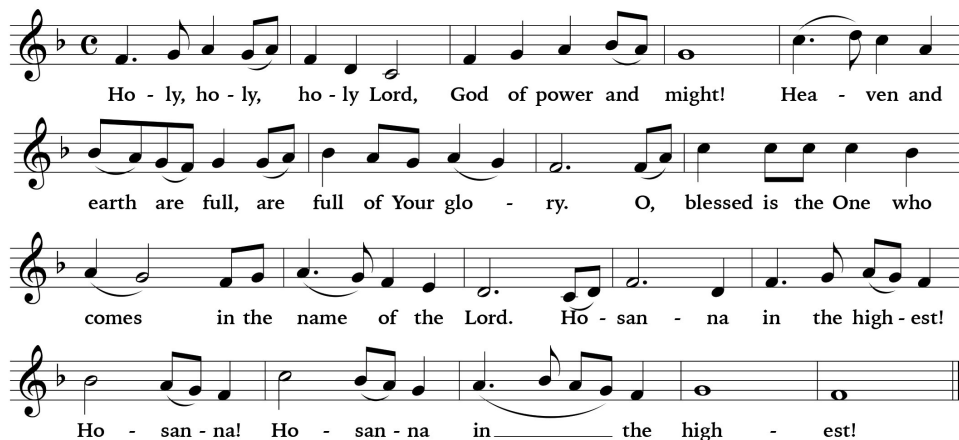
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might! Hea - ven and
earth are full, are full of Your glo - ry. O, blessed is the One who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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:



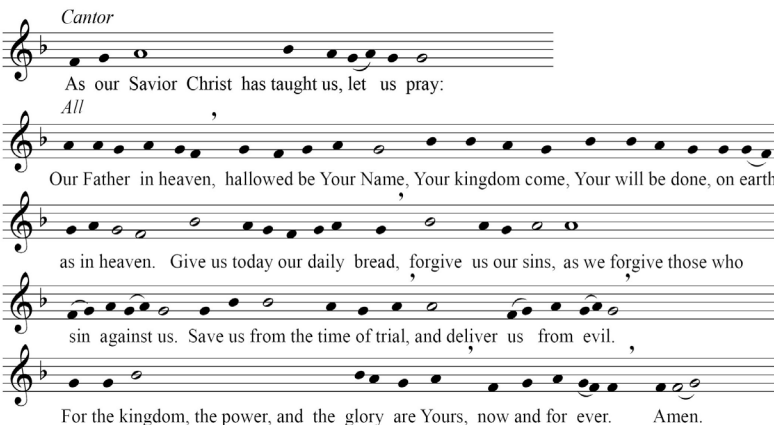
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

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

Come, Ye Disconsolate

CONSOLATOR

Come, ye disconsolate, where’er ye languish, come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish; earth has no sorrow that
heaven cannot heal.
Joy of the desolate, light of the straying, hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, “Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure.”
Here see the bread of life; see waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.

*** 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

Gary Ohlman (Karen Ohlman’s son)July 9, 2026
Wally Hellums (Beth Blair’s father)July 11, 2026

PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM

WHITTEN MICHAEL DEWITZ

July 17, 2025

Parents: Kendal & Tyler Dewitz | Sibling: Manning

Grandparents: Mike & Kerri Dewitz, David & Pam Terreson

Happening at Canterbury

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 grow in community this summer. For details, book selections and to register, please visit: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

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 5 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

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.

Christmas in JULY

Toy Drive Benefiting Avondale Samaritan Place
and the Annual Christmas Village



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