

REAL



New Traditions
July 26, 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 126

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above, vv. 1, 3, 4

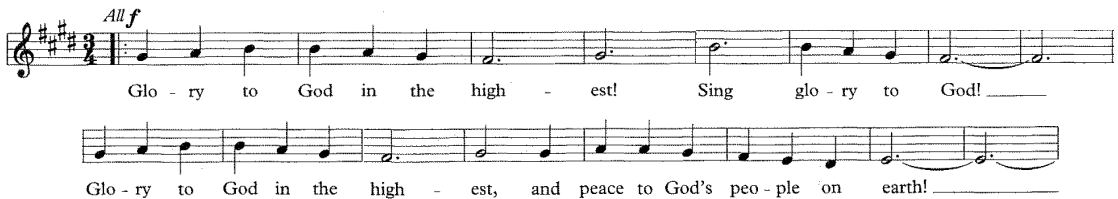
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Collect

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 128

Stan Nelson, cantor

Happy are all who *fear the Lord, | who walks *in his ways.

You shall eat the fruit of the labor *of your hands; | you shall be happy, and it shall go *well with you.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine with *in your house; | your children will be like olive shoots a *round your table.

Thus shall the *one be blessed | who *fears the Lord.

The Lord bless you *from Zion. | May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days *of your life.

May you see your *children's children. | Peace be upon *Israel!

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

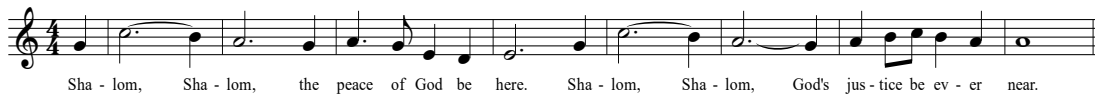
Kyrie 482

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

Mark 2: 1-12

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

Sermon

Faith That Stays: Caring for the Sick

Dr. Rick Owen

* Hymn 128

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought, vv. 1,3

HE LEADETH ME

Prayers of the People

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

There is a Balm in Gilead
Stan Nelson, soloist

Spiritual, arr. Dawson

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain;
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)
If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say he died for all. (Refrain)

* 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

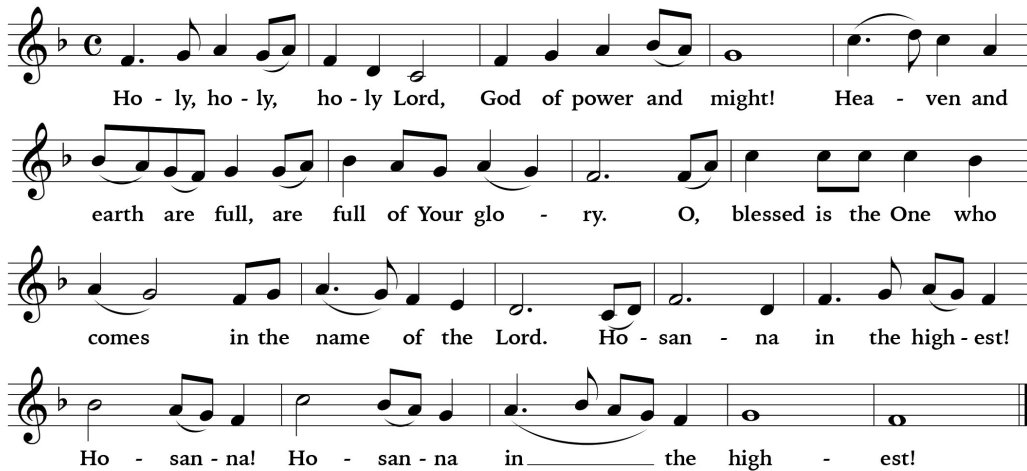
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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...



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.

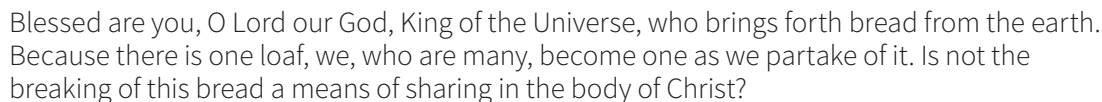
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, 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:



Christ has died; — Christ is ris - en; Christ — will come a - gain!

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.



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?

Agnus Dei

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

Heal us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer

GRÄFENBURG

Heal us, Emmanuel, hear our prayer; we wait to feel thy touch; deep-wounded souls to thee repair, and Savior, we are such.

Our faith is feeble, we confess we faintly trust thy word; but wilt thou pity us the less?

Be that far from thee, Lord!

As she who touched thee in the press and healing virtue stole, was answered, "Daughter, go in peace; thy faith hath made thee whole."

Like her, with hopes and fears we come to touch thee if we may; O send us not despairing home; send none unhealed away.

* 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.

Congratulations to

Layla Shannon Tajmir & Wilson Daniel Miles, IV who were united in holy matrimony on July 25, 2026.



Thank You for Your Support

July 29 is the last event for this 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!



Happening at Canterbury

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.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Encouragers Registration

MORE New Opportunities & Fun Activities!

This intergenerational women's ministry is designed to connect women of all ages through faith and friendship. Women meet monthly in small groups 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 will refresh each fall.

Scan the QR code to register by September 1!



KICK OFF DINNER is SEPTEMBER 24 at 6 pm. Our speaker will be Kathryn Tortorici, author of TWO by TWO. More details with a dinner sign up link to come!

Confirmation Registration Deadline Today!

All rising 7th graders are invited to register now by the end of today. A required parent meeting will be held on August 9 following worship to learn more.

Register:

www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Let's Connect!

Looking to put a name with a face, reconnect with friends, or get in touch with fellow members? Our secure online Member Directory makes it easy to stay connected with the Canterbury community. We encourage all members to take advantage of this helpful tool.

Visit: www.canterburyumc.org/directory

Important August Dates!

- August 9 - Blessing of the Backpacks in 10:30 AM Combined Contemporary
- August 16 - Regular Sunday Worship schedule returns
- August 19 - Wednesday Nights return
- August 26 - Fall Studies begin

Keep Those Toys Coming In!

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