

REAL



New Traditions

June 1, 2025

Ascension Sunday

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

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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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.

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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

* Hymn 312

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise, vv. 1, 3, 4

LLANFAIR

Collect

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

Everliving God, your eternal Christ once dwelt on earth, confined by time and space. Give us faith to discern in every time and place the presence among us of him who is head over all things and fills all, even Jesus Christ our ascended Lord. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. It is marked *All f*. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est! Sing glo - ry to God! _____". The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth! _____".

Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalms 47

Stan Nelson, cantor

Clap your *hands, all peoples! | **Shout to God with loud *songs of joy!**
For the Lord, the Most High, is *to be feared, | **a great Ruler over *all the earth,**
who subdued peoples un*d'er our feet, | **who chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob**
***whom God loves.**

God has gone up *with a shout, | **the Lord with the sound *of a trumpet.**
Sing praises to *God, sing praises! | **Sing praises to our Ru*ler, sing praises!**
For God is the Ruler of *all the earth; | **sing praises *with a psalm!**
God reigns o*ver the nations; | **God sits on his *holy throne.**

The princes of the people gather as the people of the God of *Abraham. |
For the shields of the earth belong to God, who is high*ly exalted!

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

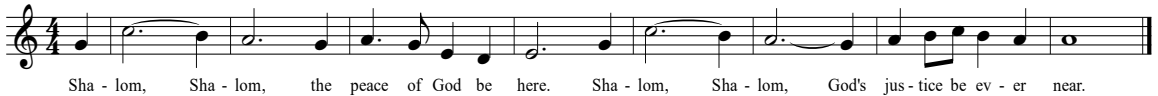
Kyrie 482

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.**



The Lesson

Acts 1: 1-11

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

Sermon

Real Grace for Real Life: Don't Look Up

Rev. Tori Hastings

Hymn 181

Ye Servants of God, vv. 1, 2

LYONS

Prayers of the People

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

O God, the King of Glory

Henry Purcell

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph into heaven; we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thy Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place where our Savior Christ is gone before us. 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.**

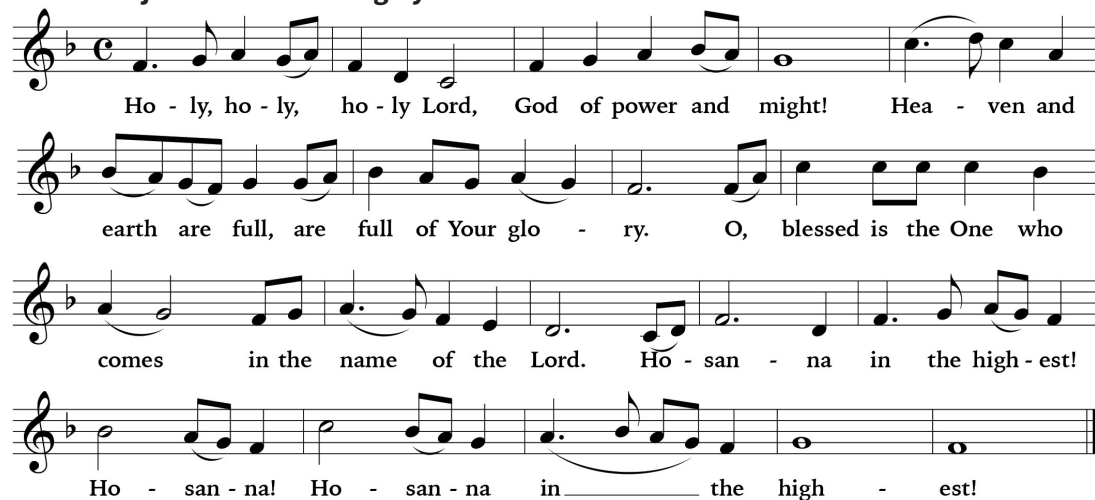
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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:



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!

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)

Cantor

As our Savior Christ has taught us, let us pray:

All

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Receiving the Bread and 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.

Anthem During Communion

So Art Thou to Me

K. Lee Scott

Stan Nelson, solo

As the bridegroom to his chosen, as the king unto his realm,

as the keep unto the castle, as the pilot to the helm, so art thou, Lord, to me.

As the fountain in the garden, as the candle in the dark, as the treasure in the coffer,
as the manna in the ark, so art thou, Lord to me.

As the music at the banquet, as the stamp unto the seal,

as the medicine to the fainting, as the wine cup at the meal, so art thou, Lord, to me.

As the ruby in the setting, as the honey in the comb, as the light within the lantern,

as the father in the home; as the sunshine in the heavens, as the image in the glass,

as the fruit unto the fig tree, as the dew upon the grass, so art thou, Lord, to me.

* 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

Congratulations

Riley & Asher Kitchings, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Owen Langley Kitchings, born on May 24, 2025.

Happening at Canterbury

Adult Sunday Summer School | Begins June 1

We will offer a Community Adult Sunday School class beginning today in Wesley Hall. Each Sunday, one of our pastors will lead a group-style discussion class that will follow the sermon series...focusing on the sermon and scripture of the day! Summer is a great time to mix things up, meet new friends and try something new, so join us for a fun "SUMMER SCHOOL" option on Sunday mornings.

Summer Meal Series | Davenport's Pizza | June 4

This favorite UMW fundraiser is in full swing... and they've partnered with our area's most popular and yummy restaurants to raise funds that will help support deserving not-for-profit organizations. Be sure to mention "Canterbury Fundraiser" when you check out so UMW will receive a portion of the proceeds. Join us for dinner on Wednesday, June 4 at DAVENPORT'S PIZZA in Mountain Brook.

Use Your Noodle Needs YOU!

Avondale Samaritan Place's Use Your Noodle summer enrichment program is back. You can help make it incredible for the local children who will attend by packing lunches, providing snacks or teacher happies! To sign up, please email Rachel at rachel.estes@canterburyumc.org.

EngAGE Lunch & Learn | July 8

Please join us for a lunch and learn with Lifecare Solutions whose mission is to support, educate and provide ongoing expertise and resources to families through compassion, guidance and understanding. They are committed to helping their clients with a plan of care through all stages of the aging process. Learn about resources to help you and your family. \$10 per person. 12 Noon - Canterbury Hall. Please RSVP to Valerie Boyd at valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.

Kids Summer Camp & Events

Register for everything we have in store for your kids this summer! Sign up today at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

VBS Volunteers Needed | July 28-31

Our rising 4K-3rd graders are going to have a blast at VBS week, Dive Deep! We will go on our deep water adventure July 28-31 from 9 am-noon each day and will need many adult helpers to make it a SPLASH! Sign up: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

YAC Summer Trips & Getaways

- June 6-8 — Sr. High Lake Trip
 - June 23-26 — Jr. High Adventure Trip
 - July 13-18 — Magic City Work Week
 - June 11 — Activate Getaway
 - June 18 — Braves Game Getaway
- Sign up: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#summer

ENCOURAGERS Interest

In September, Canterbury will launch Encouragers - an intergenerational women's program. The goal is to form many small groups of all ages to meet together once a month for a year for fellowship, prayer and service. Sign up to be a part of it at: bit.ly/43pCwfe