

New Traditions

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday



in their shoes

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



Senior Pastor - Rev. Keith Thompson

Pastor - Rev. Hill Carmichael

Pastor - Rev. Tori Hastings

Pastor - Dr. Bill Morgan

Pastor - Rev. Sheryl Thornton

Pastor - Rev. Sam Williamson

Pastor - Rev. Matthew Montgomery

Children's Pastor - Rev. Ruth Grissom

Youth Pastor - Rev. Gann Waters - Wright

Bishop in Residence - Dr. Mike Watson

Choirmaster and Organist - Dr. Lester Seigel



Who Are We

As people of the church, we are committed to following Jesus with an authentic faith. We seek to be real and authentic in every part of our lives because we believe that Jesus wants to know us. We also believe that Jesus wants to meet us wherever we are in life. At Canterbury United Methodist Church, this is what it means to be in relationship with Christ.

Jesus said the most important thing we can do is to love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind, and love our neighbor as our self. This simple yet profound statement represents the real grace and real love Jesus has for all people, particularly those whom the rest of the world often overlooks. This statement from Jesus also represents the very nature of who God is. Through sharing real grace and real love with people, Jesus brought healing into their lives. At Canterbury, we seek to follow Jesus' example, striving to share and experience real grace and real love in our real life.

Real Grace

Grace stands as a central tenant to our community. It is at the very core of who we are as children of God because it is part of our lives before we are even aware of it. We confess that we are each imperfect, regularly falling short of our own standards and God's. God loves us anyway just as we are. God initiates every relationship with us through grace. God's grace can never be earned, it is all gift. We, as God's children, strive to do the same with each other. We start with grace given to us by God. We live offering the same grace to ourselves and one another.

Real Love

In a world where people are sometimes criticized for being different, the people of the church are called to be intentionally different. Our Holy Scriptures remind us that we are all created in the image of God; and, if God is Love, then we are created in the image of love. God as revealed in Jesus Christ is what real love looks like. When we are most true to who we are created to be, we are loving. At Canterbury, we seek to embody that love is patient and kind ... and we particularly like it best when it is a verb.

Real Life

God constantly invites us into a life of full connection with God and others through Jesus Christ. This is the real life we are created for. Nothing but relationship with God and each other will truly satisfy the longing inside us. We believe this is the path to real, abundant life. Our desire is to walk this path together.

CANTERBURYUMC.ORG

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. We want to be a place where you will meet Jesus exactly where you are. 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. If you need help finding your way around, we have welcome guides located at our main entrances and outside the worship areas. We look forward to connecting with you!

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 resources available as you enter the worship space including a Worship Activity bag.

Excellent nursery care is also available to children through 4 years old, however we love having all ages worshipping together and look forward to the ways they can help us worship God.

Children's Ministry at Canterbury begins at birth.

Nursery is provided for infants and preschoolers for all regularly scheduled worship services. Nursery for other activities and church events can be provided. Please feel free to contact Selena Pitsch at selena.pitsch@canterburyumc.org with any questions about nursery. Canterbury uses a computer check-in system as part of our Safe Sanctuary Policy..

Help us to celebrate the new life in our congregation by sharing the exciting news with us! We need you to let us know when your family is welcoming a new baby and hope you will contact linda.carpenter@canterburyumc.org so that we can all celebrate another child in our midst.

Things to Know:

- *Hearing assist devices are now available – ask an usher for assistance*
- *The Children's Comfort Room is a place where you may sit with your child. It is adjacent to the Narthex*

Watch Online We understand the challenges you face and we strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us. Our New Traditions, Sanctuary and Contemporary worship services are available on our website.

CONNECT

Next Steps Class This class 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 these classes, it is our hope you will decide to make Canterbury your new church home. For more information, please contact Becky King at becky.king@canterburyumc.org.

MEET WITH ONE OF OUR PASTORS

Our pastors would love to meet with you over coffee and get to know you. You can bring any questions you might have and get to know a little more about Canterbury, the United Methodist Church, and anything else you want to talk about. Contact the church office at 205-871-4695 to set that up.

Contact Us

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To Join: matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org
205.868.6590 x2327

Pastoral Care Response Line: 205.999.4887

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn 278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

Collect for Palm Sunday *The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.*

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalm 118: 19-26

Stan Nelson, cantor

Open to me the gates of *righteousness, that I may enter through them,
and give thanks *to the Lord.

This is the gate *of the Lord; the righteous shall en*ter through it.

I thank you that you have *answered me and have become *my salvation.

The stone which the build*ers rejected has become the *cornerstone.

This is *the Lord's doing; it is marvelous *in our eyes.

This is the day which the *Lord has made; let us rejoice and be *glad in it.

Save us, we beseech *You, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech You, give *us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name *of the Lord!

We bless you from the house *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

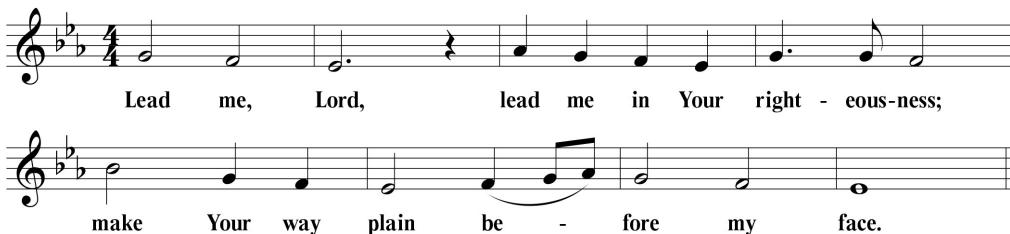
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people. **Glory to God! Amen.**

* The Peace

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you, **and also with you.**



* Gospel Procession (sung twice, before and after the proclamation of the Gospel)



* Gospel Lesson

Mark 11: 1 - 11

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

Sermon

Palm Sunday

Rev. Hill Carmichael

Hymn 286

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded, vv. 1, 2

PASSION CHORALE

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Ride On, King Jesus

Spiritual, arr. Parker/Shaw

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can hinder me!
I was but young when I begun, but now my race is almost done.
King Jesus rides on a milk-white horse, the river of Jordan he did cross.
If you want to find your way to God, the gospel highway must be trod.

* 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, Father Almighty, 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 Thy 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:

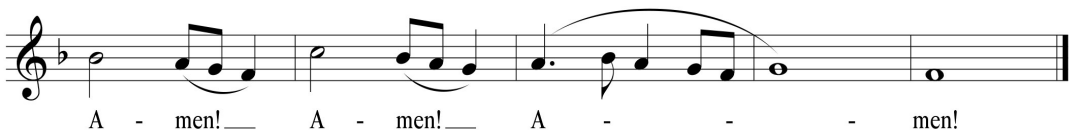


Christ has died; — Christ is ris - en; Christ — will come a - - gain!

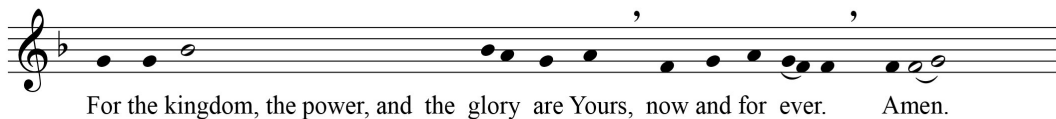
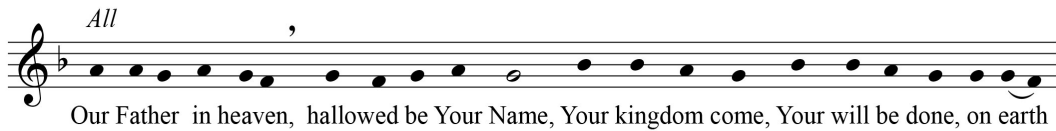
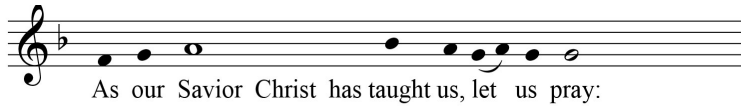
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

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 Father, 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.

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.*

The children of the Hebrews spread their garments in the road, crying aloud:
“Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is the one that comes in the name of the Lord.”

*** 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**

Thanksgiving for the Life of

William “Bill” Whitaker (Margaret Whitaker’s husband).....March 20, 2024

William Gunn (Betty Gunn’s son).....March 20, 2024

Easter Cross Celebration

We are looking forward to a glorious Easter Sunday with our Easter Cross tradition. The Easter crosses will be placed in Martha’s Garden and your family will be able to adorn them with fresh flowers. You can bring flowers from your yard, or whatever is available to you. Don’t forget to take a picture to remember our celebration of The Risen Lord!

Mission Outreach Easter Offering

For many years, the Mission Outreach United Appeal Fund Easter Offering has benefitted Canterbury and other vital ministries. This year your gifts will benefit the following ministries:

- Fair Haven Fountain of Love Offering
- Beeson Social Work Assistance Fund
- ASP’s Use Your Noodle Program

We ask you to make a prayerful and generous gift to this special offering this Easter. Please drop your gift in the plate on Easter Sunday or mail it to the church office - Canterbury UMC 350 Overbrook Road, Mountain Brook, AL 35213. Please make your check payable to *Mission Outreach United Appeal Fund*.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus’ last day on earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as one moves from station to station. At each station, you are invited to recall and meditate on a specific event from Christ’s last day. The Stations of the Cross can be found at Canterbury during Holy Week as a series of paintings - arranged in the 2nd floor hallway located between the Sanctuary and Canterbury Center. You may come and go at any time during Holy Week for this personal and meaningful self-guided meditation.

Happening at Canterbury

New Wednesday Night Studies | Begin April 3

The next round of studies will start on April 3 at 6 PM. Join your church family for dinner (5 PM) and plug in to a new study after Easter! For full details and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

- Judges, led by Lisa Donnell and John Hutchinson
- Wednesday Bible Study, led by Keith Thompson
- Living Your Strengths, led by Annie Skinner
- Not In It To Win It, led by Natalie Moon

Next Steps | Begins April 7

New to Canterbury? Considering joining the church? This Sunday morning class is a basic introduction to our church family, a path to membership, and a wonderful time for you to build connections with others. The next session will be held on four Sunday mornings beginning April 7 at 9:15 AM in the Dining Room. Sign up today by emailing Becky King at becky.king@canterburyumc.org.

UMW Annual Fern Sale | Order Today

We are pleased and excited to offer all selections again at \$20 each. Selections include Kimberly Queen, Boston, and Macho. We have many options for you to sign up for your fern order:

- Via Venmo @ Ehholladay. In note field include your cell #, number of each type of fern you are ordering.
- Via email to Ellen at ehholladay@hotmail.com. Drop a check made payable to UMW to Ellen at 3813 North Woodridge Rd. Birmingham, AL 35223. Include cell # on check, number of each type of fern you are ordering.
- Via Ellen's cell at 205-837-8050.

The last day to order is Easter Sunday, March 31. Cell numbers must be included on all orders.

Drive-through pick up of ordered ferns will be Saturday, April 6 at the porte cache from 9 AM-Noon.

New Opportunity! engAGE Lunch and Learn | April 18

Looking for the Fountain of Youth? Let us help by offering you a roadmap to successful aging. Whether we like it or not, we all age, so join us as we learn how to successfully navigate the seasons of our lives. Through this new program, engAGE, we will offer quarterly Lunch and Learn gatherings featuring engaging and informative topics on how to live our best lives. On Thursday, April 18 from 11:30 AM - 1 PM, we will hear from our own Valerie Boyd, Executive Director of Encore and SAGE Ministries, as she addresses dementia prevention. Come with your ideas on what you would like to learn more about as we grow together in health and spirit. Lunch is \$10. To reserve your spot, please register at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/sage-adults

Women's Retreat | April 26 & 27

Don't miss the Spring Women's Retreat, ENLIVEN, featuring guest speaker and author Kathy Izard. The 2-day event will be held here on campus, and will be a weekend of growth and fellowship including an optional pre-event workshop on April 25. Register at: www.canterburyumc.org/womens-retreat

Vacation Bible Camp Volunteers Are Needed | June 10-13

One of the most fun weeks of the summer is coming June 10-13 and @kids_canterbury needs MANY adult volunteers to make VBC a SUCCESS! Questions? Contact Ruth Grissom at ruth.grissom@canterburyumc.org. Sign up to be a volunteer today at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

HOLY WEEK

NOON SERVICES & LUNCH



Dr. Amanda Cartee

MONDAY, MARCH 25



Dave Wood

TUESDAY, MARCH 26



Lee Mallette

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Join us at 12 Noon on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in the Chapel for a time of reflection and worship. Each day will feature a different guest speaker. Lunches will be available immediately following each service in the Parlor. To reserve a lunch, visit: canterburyumc.org/worship/lent

MAUNDY THURSDAY

12 Noon | Chapel

6 PM | Sanctuary

MARCH 28 | Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper. You are invited to join us at either service offered to partake in this special time of remembrance.

GOOD FRIDAY

12 Noon | Chapel

6 PM | Canterbury Center

MARCH 29 | On Good Friday, we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Easter follows it, the glorious celebration of the day Jesus was raised from the dead, heralding his victory over sin and death. Join us at either service as we await an Easter celebration.

easter sunday

SONRISE SERVICE

7:00 AM

HILLSIDE AMPHITHEATER

SANCTUARY SERVICES

8:15 & 10:30 AM

SANCTUARY

CONTEMPORARY SERVICES

8:15 & 10:30 AM

CANTERBURY CENTER



Thank You for Joining Us Today!