

# SHATTERED



## **New Traditions**

**March 9, 2025**

*first sunday in lent*

## 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](http://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

**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. Nursery is provided for infants and preschoolers for all regularly scheduled worship services. Nursery for other activities and church events can be provided. Please email Breana Stallings at [breana.stallings@canterburyumc.org](mailto:breana.stallings@canterburyumc.org) with any questions about the 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](mailto:linda.carpenter@canterburyumc.org) so that we can all celebrate another child in our midst.

**Worship Online** We strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us! All worship services are available through:

### **Website:**

[www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online](http://www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online)

### **Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch](http://www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch)

### **YouTube:**

[www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC](http://www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC)

## **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](mailto: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.

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## **Contact Us**

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**Pastoral Care Response Line:** 205.999.4887

# order of worship

## Welcome and Announcements

\* Hymn 547

O Church of God, United, vv. 1, 3, 4

ELLACOMBE

## Collect

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

**Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16

Stan Nelson, cantor

Those who dwell in the shelter of \*the Most High, | who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
will say \*to the Lord,

**“My refuge \*and my fortress; | my God, in \*whom I trust.”**

Because you have made the \*Lord your refuge, | the Most High your \*habitation,

**No evil \*shall befall you, | no scourge come \*near your tent.**

For God will give his angels charge \*over you | to guard you in \*all your ways.

**They will bear you up \*on their hands | lest you dash your foot a\*gainst a stone.**

**You will tread on the lion \*and the adder, | the young lion and the serpent  
you will trample \*under foot.**

Because they cleave to me in love, I will de\*live them; | **I will protect them, because  
they \*know my name.**

When they call to me, I will an\*swer them; | I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and \*honor them.

**I will satisfy them \*with long life | and show them \*my salvation.**

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.**

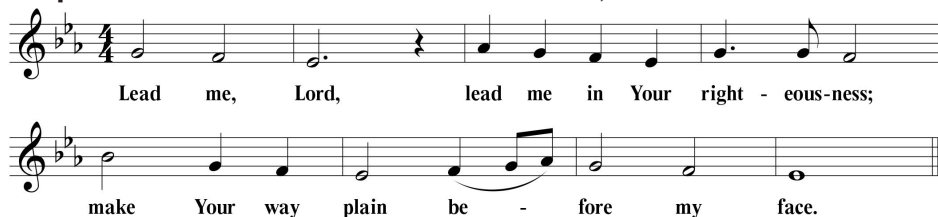
\* **The Peace**      The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you, **and also with you.**



\* **Gospel Procession**

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Wesley



## Gospel Lesson

Luke 4: 1-13

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

## Sermon

Shattered: Breaking Free From Ties

Rev. Hill Carmichael

## Hymn 521

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me, vv. 1, 3

SOJOURNER

## Prayers of the People

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

## Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

## Anthem

My God is a Rock  
Daniel Seigel, baritone

Spiritual, arr. Parker/Shaw

(Refrain): My God is a Rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm.

Stop, let me tell you 'bout the Chapter One, when the Lord God's work was just begun.

Stop, let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Two, when the Lord God's written his Bible through.

Stop, let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Three, when the Lord God died on Calvary.

Stop, let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Four, when the Lord God visit among the poor.

Stop, let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Five, when the Lord God brought the dead alive.

Stop, let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Six, he went in Jerusalem and healed the sick.

Stop, let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Seven, died and risen and went to Heaven.

Stop, let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Eight, John seen him standin at the Golden Gate.

Stop, let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Nine, Lord God turned the water to wine,

Stop, let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Ten, John says he's comin in the world again.

## \* 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.**



A - men! — A - men! — A - - - - men!

**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.*

**Communion Music**

Agnus Dei

Thomas Morley

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the word, have mercy upon us.

**\* 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 to**

Jennifer & Jay Dunn, on the birth of their son, Jack Newton Dunn, IV born on March 3, 2025.

**Thanksgiving for the life of**

Rosalyn Stroud (Jennifer Lowe & Susan Thomas' mother).....March 3, 2025



# *happening at canterbury*

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## **New! Wednesday Night Studies | Begin March 12 | 6 PM**

From Lenten studies to parenting study options, there is something for everyone! For full descriptions of each class, and to register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

## **Grief Care | Begins March 12 | 12 Noon**

When we lose someone we love, we embark on a journey not of our choosing, but it is a vital and sacred journey. This serves as a means of self-care and shared community for persons in grief. Led by Hill Carmichael at noon on Wednesdays March 12-April 23. Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

## **Discovery Weekend | March 14-16**

Registration closes tomorrow morning at 10 AM! This special YAC weekend is held here for our junior high students put on by our senior high students. Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#events](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#events)

## **Hiking with Hill | March 16, April 6 & April 13**

This popular Sunday afternoon outdoor group returns this spring! Meet at 1:30 PM at the base of Red Mountain Park and enjoy time in nature with Rev. Hill Carmichael and fellow Canterburians.

Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

## **UMW Fern Sale | Now through March 30**

The annual fern sale is now underway! There are three selections to choose from each at \$20. Tables will be available on Sundays March 9 & 16 to order - OR - place your order online: [www.canterburyumc.org/community/united-methodist-women](http://www.canterburyumc.org/community/united-methodist-women)

## **TAYA in Concert | April 24 | Canterbury Center**

We're excited to welcome TAYA, a world-renowned Christian recording artist, on Thursday, April 24 to Canterbury Center. The world first heard her voice in Hillsong United's 'Oceans' and 'Touch the Sky' and from that moment, her voice became an unmistakable call to worship across the world. To purchase tickets: [www.canterburyumc.org/taya](http://www.canterburyumc.org/taya)

## **Kids Summer Dates 2025**

Summer will be here soon! We have all of our camps and summer events on the website. So, take a look and mark your calendars for everything we have in store for your kids this summer at Canterbury!



## **Vote Canterbury UMC Mountain Brook's Best of 2025**

Take a minute and cast your vote for Canterbury UMC in the Best Place of Worship division - AND for Keith Thompson & Matthew Montgomery in the Best Pastor division. Deadline is March 14! To vote, scan the QR code or visit:

[www.mountainbrookmagazine.com/mountain-brooks-best-of-the-best-2025](http://www.mountainbrookmagazine.com/mountain-brooks-best-of-the-best-2025)

## *lenten series*

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As we journey through Lent, our sermon series asks us to consider: What in our lives needs to be broken apart so that God's transformative work can begin? Jesus shatters the systems and assumptions that trap us in narrow ways of thinking, freeing us to live more fully in alignment with God's love and grace. This series invites us to examine what we hold on to too tightly, let go of what no longer serves us, and embrace the life-giving renewal that comes from stepping into God's bigger, bolder dream for our lives.

## *special offering*

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**The Mission Outreach United Appeal Fund Easter Offering** benefits vital ministries at Canterbury. This year your gifts will directly benefit: Avondale Samaritan Place's Use Your Noodle Program, Canterbury UMC Beeson Social Work Assistance Fund, and Canterbury UMC Direct Assistance. You may bring your gift to worship on Easter Sunday or mail it to the church office. Please make your check payable to Mission Outreach United Appeal Fund. Thank you!

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## *easter flowers*

To place a flower in memory of or in honor of a friend or loved one, complete this form:

Placed in Honor \_\_\_\_\_ Memory \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to Canterbury UMC for \$35 per flower.  
Return it with this form to the church office no later than Monday, April 7.  
Please use a separate form for each order.

# *holy week services*

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## **PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13**

### **Choral Evensong Service**

5 PM | Sanctuary

Canterbury Choir presents 'The Winchester Service.' It was composed in 2022 by Australian composer Joseph Twist for Winchester Cathedral in the UK. It includes beautiful and haunting settings that all will enjoy.

## **APRIL 14, 15 & 16**

### **Noon Services & Lunch**

12 PM | Chapel

Join us during Holy Week at 12 Noon Monday through Wednesday in the Chapel for a time of reflection and worship. Each day will feature a different guest speaker. Lunches will be available for purchase and served in the parlor immediately following each service.

## **APRIL 17**

### **Maundy Thursday Services**

12 PM | Chapel

6 PM | Canterbury Hall – New this year!

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper as described in the Gospel of Luke. You are invited to join us at either service offered to partake in this special time of remembrance. The 6 PM service will be a participatory experience and will be held in Canterbury Hall.

## **APRIL 18**

### **Good Friday Services**

12 PM | Chapel

6 PM | Canterbury Center

On Good Friday, we remember the day that Jesus willingly suffered and died on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Easter follows – a glorious celebration of the day Jesus was raised from the dead. Two services will be held on April 18. A noon time traditional Good Friday service in the Chapel, and a moving and powerful service of darkness led by our Contemporary Worship team at 6 PM in Canterbury Center.



*for more information*

[www.canterburyumc.org/lent](http://www.canterburyumc.org/lent)



*Thank You for Joining Us Today!*