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like
jesus*



*new traditions
march 29, 2026
palm 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

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

Dr. Rick Owen

Greeting

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the Highest!

* Hymn 278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

Collect

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalm 118, selected verses

Stan Nelson, cantor

O give thanks to the Lord, for *he is good; | his steadfast love en*dures forever!

Let Isra*el say, | “His steadfast love en*dures forever!”

Open to me the gates of right*eousness, | 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 become *my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief *cornerstone.

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

This is the day that the *Lord hath made; | **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Lord is God, and has giv*en us light. | **Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horn *of the altar.**

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.**



Sha - lom, Sha - lom, the peace of God be here. Sha - lom, Sha - lom, God's jus - tice be ev - er near.

* Gospel Response (sung before and after the Gospel Lesson)



Lead me, Lord, lead me in Your right - eous-ness;
make Your way plain be - fore my face.

* Gospel Lesson

Luke 19: 28-44

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

Sermon

The King Who Weeps

Rev. Hill Carmichael

* Hymn 297

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST CHRISTOPHER

Prayers of the People

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

A Stable Lamp is Lighted

David Hurd

A stable lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky; the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, and straw like gold shall shine; a barn shall harbor heaven, a stall become a shrine.

This Child through David's city shall ride in triumph by; the palm shall strew its branches, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, though heavy, dull, and dumb, and lie within the roadway to pave his kingdom come.

Yet He shall be forsaken and yielded up to die; the skies shall groan and darken, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, for stong hearts of men: God's blood upon the spearhead, God's love refused again.
(Richard Wilbur, 20th c.)

* 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, God of pow'r and might:

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Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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- san - na in the high - est! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

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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)

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.

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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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*** 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**

EASTER OFFERING

The Mission Outreach United Appeal Fund Easter Offering benefits vital ministries at Canterbury.
This year your gifts will directly benefit ASP's Use Your Noodle Program, the Beeson Social Work
Assistance Fund, and Canterbury's Direct Assistance. You may bring your gift to worship on
Easter Sunday or mail it to 350 Overbrook Road, Mountain Brook, AL 35213. Please make your
check payable to the *Mission Outreach United Appeal Fund*.

holy week at canterbury



Noon Services | March 30, 31 & April 1

- 12 PM | Chapel

Join us Monday through Wednesday at noon in the Chapel for a brief time of reflection and worship. Each day will feature a different guest speaker as shown above.

Lunches for a Cause

Lunches will not be available after services; however, you are encouraged to visit the following local restaurants for lunch or dinner out with friends. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Canterbury's outreach efforts in providing weekend meals for local high school students who are food insecure. Make sure to mention Canterbury UMC when you place your order. Share a meal, enjoy good company, and support a great cause!

- DAVENPORT'S PIZZA, Monday
- TACO MAMA, Tuesday (Dinner only)
- DANIEL GEORGE, Wednesday

Holy Week Seder Meal | April 1 *(A few spots are left - Registration closes today at 5 PM)*

- 5:30 PM | Canterbury Hall

Join us for a meaningful evening around the table as we explore the ancient Seder meal Jesus shared with his disciples. Together we'll discover how this sacred tradition connects to the Lord's Supper as we practice it today. \$10 adults, \$7 kids. Nursery available for ages 4 and younger. *This meal is by reservation only.* Please scan the QR code to register.



Maundy Thursday | April 2

- 12 PM | Chapel

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper and you are invited to join us at noon to partake in this special time of remembrance.

Good Friday | April 3

- 12 PM | Canterbury Center
- 6 PM | Chapel

On Good Friday, we remember the day that Jesus willingly suffered and died on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Two services will be held - a service of darkness led by our Contemporary Worship team at 12 PM in Canterbury Center, and a traditional Good Friday service in the Chapel at 6 PM.

easter at canterbury



sunday, april 5

Sanctuary Worship

8:15 & 10:30 AM

Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship

8:15 & 10:30 AM

Canterbury Center

EASTER CROSSES

The Easter crosses are placed in Martha's Garden each year to be adorned with spring flowers by you and your family! There are also several other crosses, like pictured above, placed at church entrances. These make for wonderful photo opportunities and will be great memories of a beautiful Easter celebration.

happening at canterbury

UMW Annual Fern Sale | Closes April 1

This fundraiser allows UMW to support mission and outreach projects in our community. There are three great selections to choose from – Boston,



Kimberly Queen and Macho. Each fern is \$25. Place your order online by scanning the QR code. Pick up will be Saturday, April 11 from 8 AM-12 Noon at the Chapel drive through.

Easter Egg Hunt | April 4 | 10 AM

Hop on over and join us for an Easter Egg Hunt full of springtime fun! Kids are invited to enjoy crafts, games, and a classic egg hunt with colorful eggs and joyful surprises along the way. Don't forget to bring your basket and your best egg-hunting skills! It will be a sweet, simple celebration of Easter fun and community! See you in the Chapel lot!

New! Spring Studies Begin April 8

The last session of Wednesday evening studies for the semester will begin on April 8. Studies will run for 4 weeks and feature a fun set of options as our Pastors and Staff team up to teach!

- The UMC Social Principles
Hill Carmichael & Caroline Bundy
- Things Jesus Never Said
Keith Thompson & Rick Owen
- Galatians (Bible Reading Plan)
Natalie Moon & Matthew Montgomery
- 8 Dates and Essential Conversations
Eleanor Christiansen & Jordain Boland
- Enneagram: Wisdom for Living Well
Tori & JonCarl Hastings
- Gifts of the Spirit (and Prayer Beads)
Annie Skinner & John Amos Boutwell

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Kids Summer Camps

Don't wait to sign up! Summer is just around the corner and we're looking forward to spending it with your kiddos. If you have not registered for one of our summer camps, hurry and do so now! Registration will open to non-members on APRIL 1. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Men's Breakfast | April 23 | 6:30 AM

Join us for breakfast on February 26 from 6:30-7:30 AM in Canterbury Hall. Our guest speaker will be Rev. James C. Fields, who served in the Alabama House of Representatives from 2008 until 2010 and is the pastor at St. James - Irondale UMC. (\$15) Register: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry

Canterbury Choir Concert | April 26 | 4:30 PM

Experience Giacomo Puccini's *Messa di Gloria* in a beautiful, moving live performance by our Choir with orchestra. Join us in the Sanctuary for an inspiring afternoon of music that uplifts the soul and stirs the spirit. This special concert is free and open to all.

Speakers David Thomas & Sissy Goff April 28 | 6 PM

David Thomas returns to Canterbury this spring with Sissy Goff for a meaningful evening for parents. With more than 30 years of experience as therapists at Daystar Counseling Ministries, they offer practical wisdom and deep compassion for children and families. As authors, speakers, and hosts of the Raising Boys & Girls podcast, they'll share insights from their new book, *Capable: How To Teach Your Kids the Strengths, Skills, and Strategies to Build Resilience*. *This is a must-attend event for all parents!* Get your tickets now: www.TPRLive.co

