



Canterbury
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

New Traditions

May 10, 2026

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

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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

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

Eleanor Christiansen

* Hymn 92

For the Beauty of the Earth, vv. 1, 4, 5, 6

DIX

Collect

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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Musical notation for the Gloria In Excelsis. The score is in treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and 3/4 time. It begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The first line of music is marked *All f* and includes the lyrics: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est! Sing glo - ry to God! _____". The second line of music includes the lyrics: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth! _____".

Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalm 66: 8-9, 16-20

Stan Nelson, cantor

Bless our God, *O peoples, | let the sound of God's *praise be heard,
who has kept us a*mong the living, | and has not let *our feet slip.
Come and hear, all you who *worship God, | and I will tell what God has *done for me.
I cried a*loud to God, | who was highly praised *with my tongue.
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would *not have listened.
But truly God has listened, and has given heed to the voice *of my prayer.
**Bless*ed be God, | who has not rejected my prayer or removed
his steadfast *love from me.**
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

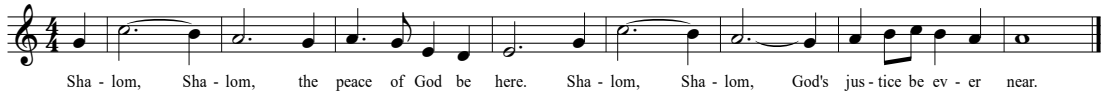
Kyrie 482

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.**



Baptism

William "Parks" Bissell

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Our Lord has expressly given to little children a place among the people of God, which holy privilege must not be denied them. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, how He said, *"Let the children come to Me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God."*

To the parents

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you; Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people everywhere? **We do.**

Will you nurture William Parks in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? **We will.**

To the congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this family now before you in your care?

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that William Parks, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

The Baptism

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother into the body of Christ.

Through baptism we are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.

Choral Response

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

STUTT GART

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



*** Gospel Lesson**

John 14: 15 - 21

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

Sermon

Rev. Hill Carmichael

*** Hymn 695**

O Lord, May Church and Home Combine, vv. 1, 4

LAND OF REST

Prayers of the People

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Come Down, O Love Divine R. Vaughan Williams, arr. Dietterich

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my light, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*** 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.**

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.

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

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you
another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever, ev'n the spirit of truth.

I've Got Peace Like a River

African-American Spiritual

*** 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**

PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM

WILLIAM PARKS BISSELL

December 7, 2025

Parents: Ann Lindsey & John Bissell

Grandparents: William & Neilann Thomas, Ingram & Lois Bankston

Happening at Canterbury

Side by Side Chorus Spring Concert

May 12 | 2 PM

Motown Edition! Join us on Tuesday in Canterbury Hall for our Side by Side Spring Concert! Enjoy classic Motown favorites as our Encore musicians come together in a spirited performance full of energy, rhythm, and fun. Bring a friend and join us for this uplifting celebration! Free admission - donations will be accepted to benefit the Respite For All Foundation.

6th Grade Faith Milestone

May 17 | 9:15 AM

We are excited to see you and your 6th grader next Sunday at 9:15 in the Youth Center. We will learn about what it means to join the church through both Confirmation and YAC!

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Summer Combined Worship

Begins May 24 | 10:30 AM

Summer is almost here and we will begin the combined schedule for 10:30 AM worship starting Memorial Day Weekend. Also, Sunday School will not be held on May 24.

Note: *New Traditions will be held each Sunday at 8:15 AM as regularly scheduled.*

10:30 AM WORSHIP

- MAY 24 Combined in Sanctuary
- MAY 31 Combined in Canterbury Center
- JUNE 7 Combined in Sanctuary
- JUNE 14 Combined in Canterbury Center
- JUNE 21 Combined in Sanctuary
- JUNE 28 Combined in Canterbury Center

Encore 10 Year Celebration

May 31 | 11:30 AM



Encore is turning 10 this summer, and we'd love for you to celebrate with us! Join us on May 31 at 10:30 during the Contemporary Service for a special Encore recognition, then continue the celebration at 11:30 in Canterbury Hall with refreshments, fellowship, and everyone's Encore favorite -- banana pudding!

Register for Youth Summer Activities

Make plans for an unforgettable summer!

- Senior High Lake Trip (June 5-7)

A fun-filled weekend at Lake Martin with time on the water, games, and meaningful connection. Open to students entering grades 10-12.

- Junior High Adventure (June 15-18)

Head to the Nantahala Outdoor Center in North Carolina for rafting, outdoor activities, and tons of fun. Open to students entering grades 7-9.

- Magic City Work Week (July 12-18)

A powerful week of service and community as we partner with Riverchase UMC to serve in West End, with daily mission work and worship. Open to students entering grades 7-12.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Vacation Bible School | July 20-23

This summer we are going to soar through the stars on an intergalactic adventure to discover all the wonderful ways of God! Join us for STARSTRUCK and learn about all of the amazing things God has done! Cost is free and is for rising 4K-3rd grade.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children