

Canterbury
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

New Traditions

May 17, 2026

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



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

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

Rev. Matthew Montgomery

* 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.

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis

All f

Glo - ry to God in the high - est! Sing glo - ry to God! _____

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth! _____

Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalms 47: 1-7

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 *under us, | and nations un*der our feet,
who chose our heri*tage 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!**

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

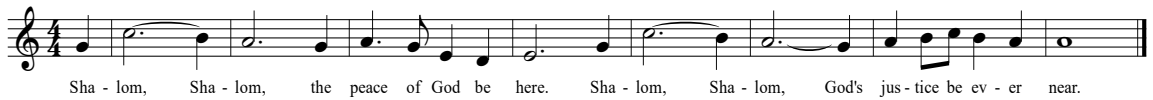
Kyrie 482

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



*** Gospel Lesson**

John 17: 1-11

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

Sermon

Rev. Tori Hastings

*** Hymn 326**

The Head That Once Was Crowned, vv. 1, 5, 6

ST. MAGNUS

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

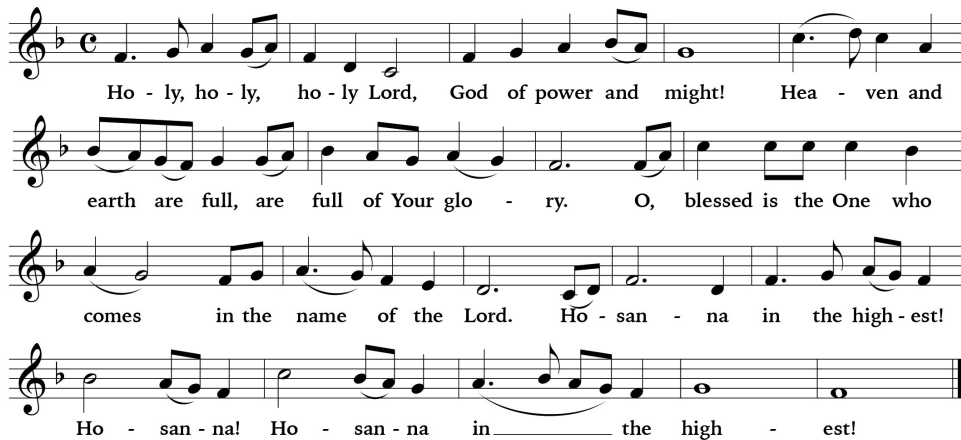
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

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

Hail Thee, Festival Day

SALVE FESA DIES

(Refrain): Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever; day when our risen Lord rose in the heavens to reign.

He who was nailed to the cross is Ruler and Lord of all people. All things created on earth sing to the glory of God (Refrain). Daily the loveliness grows, adorned with the glory of blossom; heaven her gates unbars, flinging her increase of light (Refrain).

*** 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**

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the Chapel altar are placed in honor of Elizabeth Grace McConnell & Dallas Landry Bates who were united in holy matrimony on May 15, 2026.

Happening at Canterbury

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 who have completed 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 who have completed 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 who have completed grades 7–12.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Vacation Bible School | July 20-23 Volunteers Needed!

We have 250 children registered for VBS and we need volunteers to make that week a huge success! This is open to youth and adults of all ages. It is such a fun week! Sign up on the children's page of the church website or reach out to Eleanor Christiansen.

Sign up to Volunteer: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children/#summer

