



Canterbury
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

New Traditions

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Dr. Bill Morgan

* Hymn 545

The Church's One Foundation w. 1, 2, 5

AURELIA

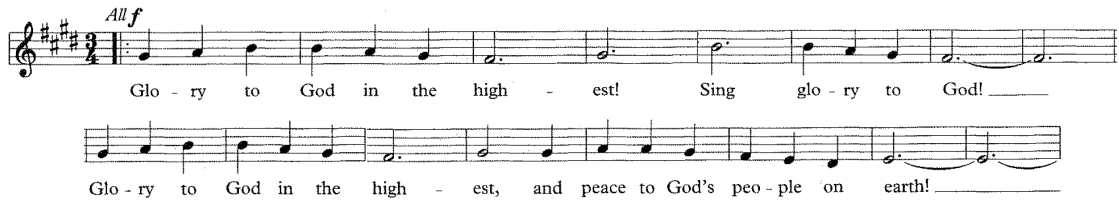
Collect

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

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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! _____

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

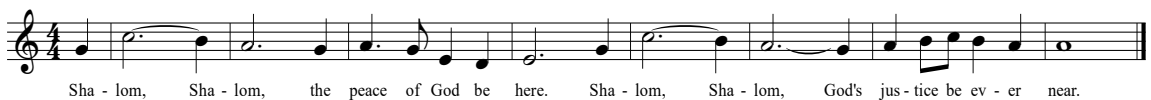
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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



*** Gospel Lesson**

John 14: 1-14

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

Homily

Rev. Hill Carmichael

*** Hymn 172**

My Jesus, I Love Thee, vv. 1, 3

GORDON

Prayers of the People

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Harold Friedell

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way, as gives us breath, such a truth that ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast, as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.
(George Herbert, 17th 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 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."

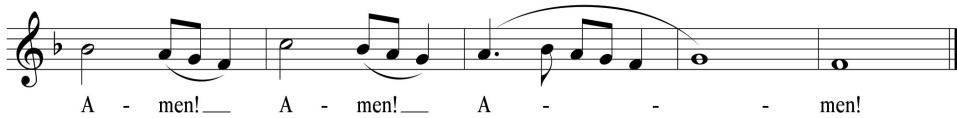
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

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.

The image shows the musical notation for the Lord's Prayer, divided into a Cantor part and an All part. The Cantor part is a single staff with the lyrics 'As our Savior Christ has taught us, let us pray:'. The All part consists of five staves with the full text of the prayer. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, using a simple, chanted melody.

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

Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join

CANTERBURY

Christian People, Raise Your Song

AVE VIRGO

*** 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.

*** Sending Forth**

Packing snack bags for the students of Jackson Olin

Congratulations to

Julie Bucy & Len Everts, the proud parents of a baby boy, Elliot Bucy Everts, born on April 20, 2026.

Thanksgiving for the lives of

Jack Wilson (Susan Wilson’s husband).....April 22, 2026
Sue Alford (Landon Stivender’s mother).....April 27, 2026

Happening at Canterbury

Mom & Me Cupcake Challenge | Today | 2 PM

Join the fun at 2 PM in Canterbury Hall. Bring your mom, grandmother, or a special adult friend and team to decorate based on our surprise theme. Get creative, add a little friendly competition, and enjoy plenty of frosting, sprinkles, and laughter!

UMW Spring Luncheon Meeting | May 4 | 10:30 AM

Join us tomorrow at 10:30 AM in Wesley Hall. We will welcome Stacy Smith, who will share about her upcoming commissioning as our church's missionary to Tanzania, where she will teach at Wesley College. We will also present the Anne Berte Award.

Wednesday Night Celebration | May 6 | 5-6:30 PM

Join us for a fun and relaxed end-of-year celebration! We'll kick things off with a BBQ dinner from 5-6 PM followed by a lighthearted wrap-up from 6-6:30 PM featuring a year-in-review, trivia, and a few fun giveaways. It's a great chance to reconnect, reflect, and celebrate all that we've shared this year!

Women's Serve Night | May 7 | 6 PM

ALL Canterbury Women! Join us as we host the girls of Grace House for a special "Girls Night Out" with dinner, crafts, and connection. Serve as a buddy, help with dinner or crafts, or float where needed. Come be part of this meaningful evening! Scan the QR code to register. This serve night is sponsored by the Encouragers' groups.



Side by Side Chorus Spring Concert | May 12 | 2 PM

Motown Edition! All are invited to a joyful afternoon of music in Canterbury Hall at 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 Encore Respite Ministry programs.

ALSO! Encore will be celebrating 10 years of ministry on Sunday, May 31. Watch for more details coming soon...

6th Grade Faith Milestone | May 17 | 9:15 AM

We are so excited to see you and your 6th grader on May 17 at 9:15 in the Youth Center. We will be learning about what it means to join the church through both Confirmation and the YAC experience!

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Register for Youth Summer Activities

Make plans for an unforgettable summer with YAC!

- [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.

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