

# New Traditions

May 4, 2025



Canterbury  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## 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](http://www.canterburyumc.org/attendance)



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

#### Facebook

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

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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](mailto:becky.king@canterburyumc.org).

## CONTACT US

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## 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

# Order of Worship

## Welcome and Announcements

### \* Hymn 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

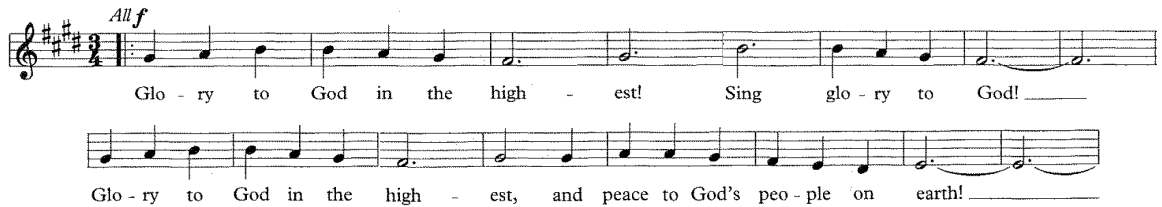
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### Collect

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

**Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

### Gloria In Excelsis



### Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalms 30: 1-3, 8-12

Stan Nelson, cantor

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have lift\*ed me up, | and did not let my foes rejoice o\*ver me.

**O Lord my God, I cried to \*you for help, | and \*you healed me.**

O Lord, you brought up my \*soul from Sheol, | **restored me to life from among those gone down \*to the pit.**

To you, O \*Lord, I cried, | and to the Lord I made \*supplication:

**“What profit is there \*in my death, | if I go down \*to the pit?**

Will the \*dust praise you? | Will it tell of your \*faithfulness?

**Hear, O Lord, and be gra\*cious to me! | O Lord, \*be my helper!”**

You have turned my mourning in\*to dancing; | you have loosed my sackcloth and girded \*me with gladness,

That my soul may praise you and \*not be silent. |

**O Lord, my God, I will give thanks to \*you forever.**

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

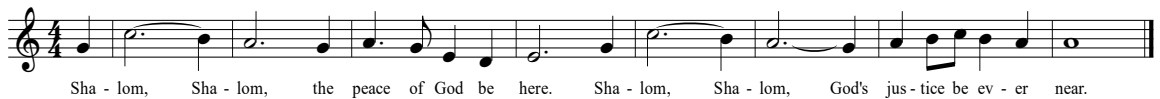
### Kyrie 482

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

Mark 8: 22-26

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

### Sermon

Resurrection Stories: Recovery of Sight to the Blind

Rev. Hill Carmichael

### Hymn 378

Amazing Grace, vv. 1-4

AMAZING GRACE

### Prayers of the People

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

### Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

### Anthem

O Sing Unto the Lord

Hans Leo Hassler

O sing unto the Lord, sing him a new song! O sing unto the Lord, all the earth!  
O sing unto the Lord, blessing his holy Name! Declare his glory to the nations,  
and to all peoples; show his marvelous glory.

### \* 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."

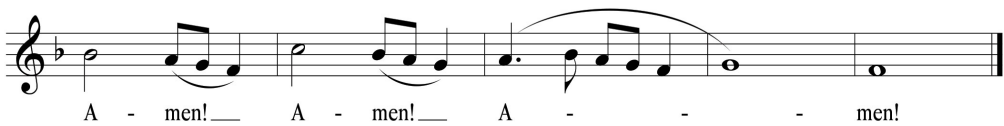
When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**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:**

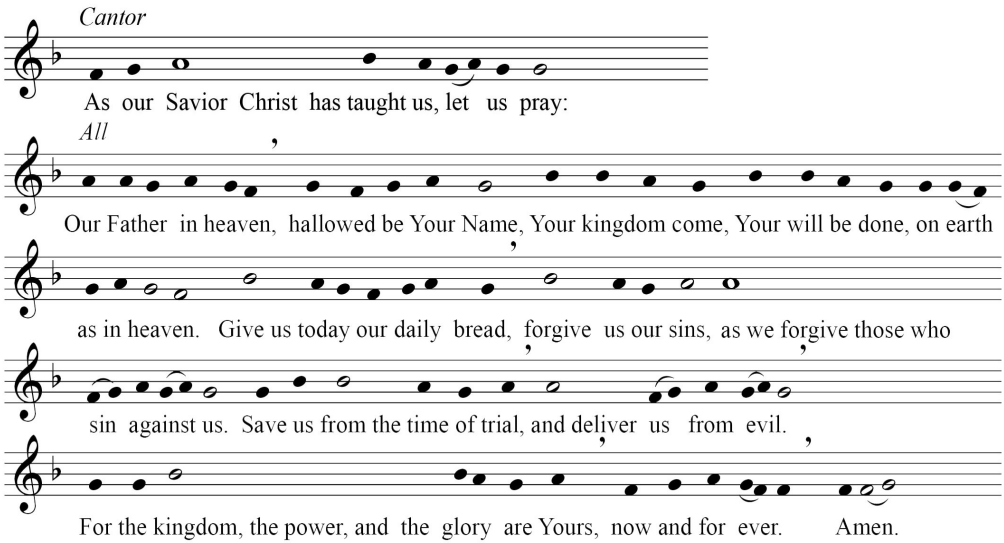


Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, 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)



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

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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.*

## **Anthem During Communion**

We Know that Christ is Raised

C.V. Stanford

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
And our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!  
We share by water in his saving death; Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,  
As living members of our Savior Christ, Alleluia!  
The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life; the Spirit's fission shakes the Church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One: Alleluia!  
A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe restored and whole will sing: Alleluia!

### **\* 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**



# Happening at Canterbury

**Share Your Easter Photos** We are updating Canterbury's membership database and would like to add a photo of you or of you and your family. If you took a picture here on Easter morning, or if you have another recent photo you prefer, please email it to [directory@canterburyumc.org](mailto:directory@canterburyumc.org).

**Kids Summer Camp & Events** Register today for everything we have in store for your kids this summer at Canterbury at [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children).

## YAC Summer Trips & Getaways

- June 6-8 — Sr. High Lake Trip
  - June 23-26 — Jr. High Adventure Trip
  - July 13-18 — Magic City Work Week
  - May 28 — Six Flags Getaway
  - June 11 — Activate Getaway
  - June 18 — Braves Game Getaway
- Sign up: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#summer](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#summer)

**UMW General Meeting & Lunch | May 5 | 10:30 AM** Join us tomorrow in Wesley Hall starting at 10:30 AM. Shannon Wadlington, Director of Books to Prisons, will be the guest speaker.

**Side by Side Spring Concert | May 13 | 2 PM** Don't miss "A Stroll Down Broadway!" on Tuesday, May 13 at 2 PM in Canterbury Hall. Great for all ages! No tickets are required, but donations will be accepted at the door to benefit McCoy Adult Day Care. Please come support us with your presence for this special event!

**The Calm Before the Stork | May 18 | 9:30 AM** If your family is growing through birth, adoption or fostering, we would love to share all the ways our church hopes to wrap around your family during these sacred days and years! We will discuss baptism, nursery, Sunday School, and share ideas about books and Bibles for your little one. We will hold our first bi-annual *Calm Before the Stork* on Sunday, May 18 at 9:30 AM in room 213 in the Children's Department. Please RSVP: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

**Birmingham Boys Choir Spring Concert | May 18 | 2:30 PM** The Birmingham Boys Choir presents its 47th annual spring concert on Sunday, May 18 at 2:30 PM in the Canterbury Sanctuary. All are invited! The concert is free and is the Choir's gift to the community.

**ENCOURAGERS Interest** This fall, Canterbury plans to start Encouragers - a new intergenerational women's program. The goal is to form many small groups of all ages within the church to meet together once a month for a year for fellowship, prayer and service. Sign up to learn more: [bit.ly/43pCwfe](http://bit.ly/43pCwfe)

**Legacy Luncheon | May 27 | 12 Noon** Join us for a very special luncheon with Dr. John Waits from Freedom Farm, homes for abused, abandoned, neglected and at-risk kids. Learn how this amazing ministry is changing the lives of children and families by giving them the "freedom to soar" and to succeed in a loving home where God and faith are the center. Lunch is \$5. Please RSVP by May 22 to Valerie at [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org).