

New Traditions

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday after Easter



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



Senior Pastor - Rev. Keith Thompson
Pastor - Rev. Hill Carmichael
Pastor - Rev. Tori Hastings
Pastor - Dr. Bill Morgan
Pastor - Rev. Sheryl Thornton
Pastor - Rev. Sam Williamson
Pastor - Rev. Matthew Montgomery
Children's Pastor - Rev. Ruth Grissom
Youth Pastor - Rev. Gann Waters - Wright
Bishop in Residence - Dr. Mike Watson
Choirmaster and Organist - Dr. Lester Seigel



Who Are We

As people of the church, we are committed to following Jesus with an authentic faith. We seek to be real and authentic in every part of our lives because we believe that Jesus wants to know us. We also believe that Jesus wants to meet us wherever we are in life. At Canterbury United Methodist Church, this is what it means to be in relationship with Christ.

Jesus said the most important thing we can do is to love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind, and love our neighbor as our self. This simple yet profound statement represents the real grace and real love Jesus has for all people, particularly those whom the rest of the world often overlooks. This statement from Jesus also represents the very nature of who God is. Through sharing real grace and real love with people, Jesus brought healing into their lives. At Canterbury, we seek to follow Jesus' example, striving to share and experience real grace and real love in our real life.

Real Grace

Grace stands as a central tenant to our community. It is at the very core of who we are as children of God because it is part of our lives before we are even aware of it. We confess that we are each imperfect, regularly falling short of our own standards and God's. God loves us anyway just as we are. God initiates every relationship with us through grace. God's grace can never be earned, it is all gift. We, as God's children, strive to do the same with each other. We start with grace given to us by God. We live offering the same grace to ourselves and one another.

Real Love

In a world where people are sometimes criticized for being different, the people of the church are called to be intentionally different. Our Holy Scriptures remind us that we are all created in the image of God; and, if God is Love, then we are created in the image of love. God as revealed in Jesus Christ is what real love looks like. When we are most true to who we are created to be, we are loving. At Canterbury, we seek to embody that love is patient and kind ... and we particularly like it best when it is a verb.

Real Life

God constantly invites us into a life of full connection with God and others through Jesus Christ. This is the real life we are created for. Nothing but relationship with God and each other will truly satisfy the longing inside us. We believe this is the path to real, abundant life. Our desire is to walk this path together.

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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. We want to be a place where you will meet Jesus exactly where you are. 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. If you need help finding your way around, we have welcome guides located at our main entrances and outside the worship areas. We look forward to connecting with you!

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 resources available as you enter the worship space including a Worship Activity bag.

Excellent nursery care is also available to children through 4 years old, however we love having all ages worshipping together and look forward to the ways they can help us worship God.

Children's Ministry at Canterbury begins at birth. Nursery is provided for infants and preschoolers for all regularly scheduled worship services. Nursery for other activities and church events can be provided. Please feel free to contact Selena Pitsch at selena.pitsch@canterburyumc.org with any questions about nursery. Canterbury uses a computer check-in system as part of our Safe Sanctuary Policy..

Help us to celebrate the new life in our congregation by sharing the exciting news with us! We need you to let us know when your family is welcoming a new baby and hope you will contact linda.carpenter@canterburyumc.org so that we can all celebrate another child in our midst.

Things to Know:

- *Hearing assist devices are now available – ask an usher for assistance*
- *The Children's Comfort Room is a place where you may sit with your child. It is adjacent to the Narthex*

Watch Online We understand the challenges you face and we strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us. Our New Traditions, Sanctuary and Contemporary worship services are available on our website.

CONNECT

Next Steps Class This class 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 these classes, it is our hope you will decide to make Canterbury your new church home. For more information, please contact Becky King at becky.king@canterburyumc.org.

MEET WITH ONE OF OUR PASTORS

Our pastors would love to meet with you over coffee and get to know you. You can bring any questions you might have and get to know a little more about Canterbury, the United Methodist Church, and anything else you want to talk about. Contact the church office at 205-871-4695 to set that up.

Contact Us

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To Join: matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org
205.868.6590 x2327

Pastoral Care Response Line: 205.999.4887

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn 400

Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

NETTLETON

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

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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)

Psalm 98: 1 - 3

Stan Nelson, cantor

Sing to the Lord *a new song, because He has done won*derful things!

His own strong hand and his own *holy arm | have won the *victory!

The Lord has made His salvation *widely known;

He has revealed his righteousness in the eyes of all *the nations.

God has remembered His loyal love and faithfulness to the *house of Israel;

Every corner of the earth has seen our God's *salvation.

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

Luke 19: 1 - 10

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

Sermon

Table Matters: Dinner with Zacchaeus

Rev. Hill Carmichael

Hymn 393

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Upon Your Heart

Eleanor Daley

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.
If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love;
Love one another as I have loved you, then shall your joy be complete.

* 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, Father Almighty, 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 Thy 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.

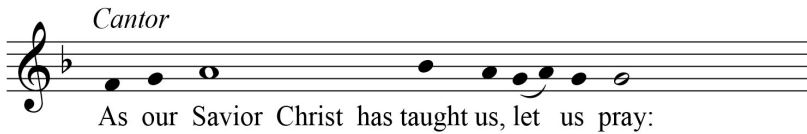
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



A - men!— A - men!— A - - - - men!

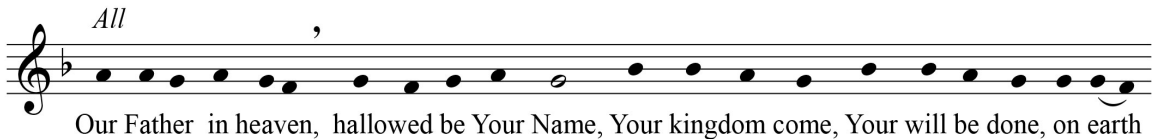
The Lord's Prayer (Chanted)

Cantor



As our Savior Christ has taught us, let us pray:

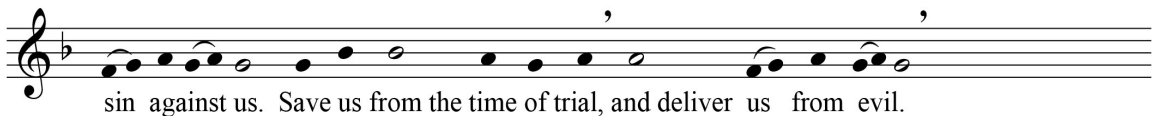
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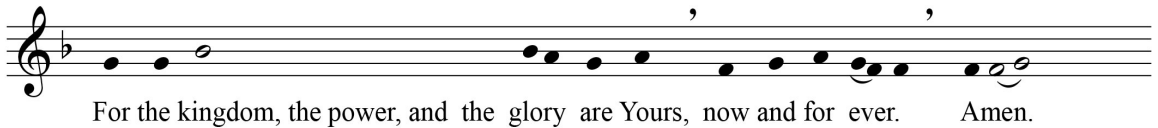
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth



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.

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.

Communion Anthem

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: e'en the spirit of truth, that He may 'bide with you forever.

* 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

Congratulations to

Brianna Gray & Blake Zombardo who were united in holy matrimony on May 4, 2024.

Elizabeth Jarrell Lindsey & William Burton Stewart who were united in holy matrimony on May 4, 2024.

Thanksgiving for the Life of

Thomas "Tom" Adams (Paula Adams' husband, Sara Wilson & Thomas Adams' father)...April 26, 2024

Happening at Canterbury

UMW Spring Meeting & Luncheon | May 6 | 10:30 AM

All are invited to the UMW spring meeting and luncheon that will be held on May 6 at 10:30 AM in Wesley Hall. Guest speaker will be Michael Wilson, Executive Director of Avondale Samaritan Place. (\$17) You do not have to be a UMW member to attend! Please email Susan Yarbrow at myarbrow35223@yahoo.com to sign up.

Side by Side Community Chorus Concert | May 14 | 2 PM

The Side by Side Community Chorus presents “Peace, Love & Harmony” on May 14 at 2 PM in Canterbury Hall. From Louis Armstrong and the Beatles to Simon and Garfunkel, they’ll bring you nostalgic tunes that you will love singing along to! Donations are welcomed and will benefit Avondale Samaritan Place.

YAC Summer Events | Register Now

Summer is one of our favorite times at YAC, and we want your student to be a part of the Senior High Lake Trip, Jr. High BigStuf Trip & Mission Week! For info, dates and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Children’s Sunday School Teachers Needed

Children’s Sunday School isn’t possible without the dedication of adult volunteers. Volunteering is a great way to get to know some special kids and meet other parents. Training is provided, all lessons are planned and materials provided. You will serve alongside another adult which can be your spouse, another parent, or a friend! If you are interested in learning more, email Amanda Fuller at amanda.fuller@canterburyumc.org.

Retirement Love Offerings

As you all know, Rev. Ruth Grissom and Rev. Sam Williamson will both be retiring this year. Rev. Grissom’s last day will be Friday, May 31. Rev. Williamson’s last day will be Sunday, June 30. Canterbury UMC has a tradition of giving the congregation an opportunity to express their gratitude to retiring pastors by making a Love Offering. If you wish to make a donation toward a Love Offering for both Rev. Grissom and Rev. Williamson, please send your check/checks to the Canterbury UMC Finance Office noting ‘Love Offering – Pastor’s Name’ in the memo line. (Please note such gifts are not charitable contributions for tax purposes) Thank you for your support of these wonderful pastors who have both served Canterbury UMC with a deep love and commitment to our mission of real grace and real love in the midst of real life. Celebrations are being planned for both Rev. Ruth Grissom and Rev. Sam Williamson. Once those plans are finalized, we will share the details with the congregation.

Upcoming Events



Vacation Bible Camp | June 10-13 (MON-THURS) VOLUNTEER TO HELP

Camp Firelight is coming to Canterbury in June! This is one of the most fun and exciting weeks of the summer and Kids@Canterbury needs MANY adult volunteers to make it a SUCCESS! Sign up to volunteer today by visiting:

www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Questions? Please contact Ruth Grissom at ruth.grissom@canterburyumc.org.



Have you registered your children for VBC? A fun four days (Monday-Thursday) for all rising 4K – 5th grade children! Campers will experience the Bible stories through music, drama, games, arts and crafts, and science, as they learn ways to connect with and trust God. Our kids will go on an exciting journey where they'll learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, and know God is always with them. Register today: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Journeys of Paul Mediterranean Cruise

October 8-20, 2024

Join Rev. Tori Hastings, Canterbury pastors, and guest speaker Rev. Brian Erickson on a 10-night Mediterranean cruise, Journeys of Paul, October 8-20, 2024. Stops will include Cairo, Turkey, Santorini, Greece, Istanbul and more. For full details and registration info, visit: www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages

Register by May 26 to avoid extra fees!





Thank You for Joining Us Today!