

New Traditions

November 8, 2026

Thank you for joining us!
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
Children's Pastor - Rev. Eleanor Christiansen
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
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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 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

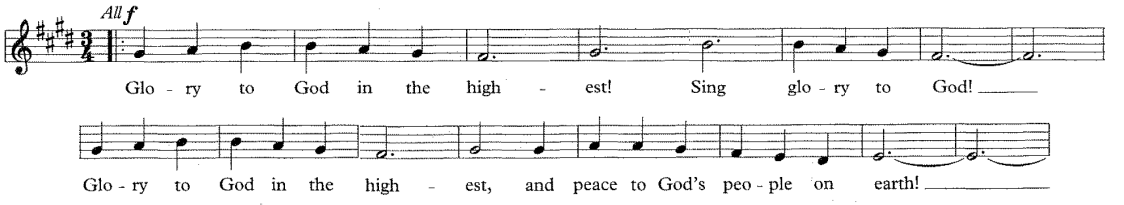
Welcome and Announcements Rev. Keith Thompson

*** Hymn 384** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, vv. 1, 3, 4 BEECHER

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

Almighty God, the Source of all life, grant us patience and magnanimity of heart to live according to your grace and mercy, loving one another in your redeeming love, accepting with faith the promise made in your holy sacrament, that we might rejoice in our kinship with one another as Christ's own body; in your holy name do we pray. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis



Psalter Reading (Chanted) Psalm 122: 1-2, 6-9 Stan Nelson, cantor

I was glad when they *said to me, | "Let us go to the house *of the Lord!"
Our feet were standing with*in your gates, | O Je*rusalem!
Pray for the peace of Je*rusalem! | "May they pros*per who love you!
Peace be with*in your walls, | and security with*in your towers!"
For the sake of my rela*tives and friends | I will say, "Peace *be within you!"
For the sake of the house of the *Lord our God, | I will *seek your good.

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

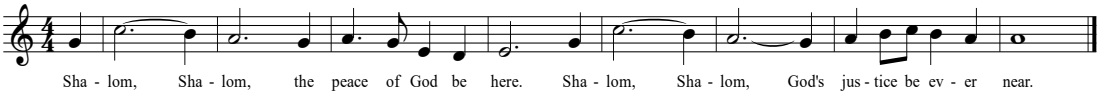
Kyrie 482

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

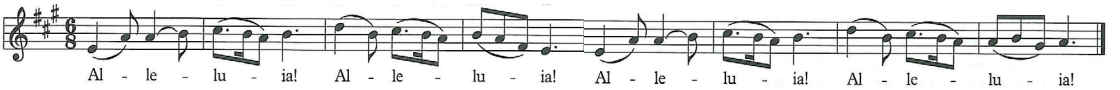
Words of Pardon

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** Matthew 20: 1-16

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

Sermon Even When: Everyone is Picking Sides Rev. Matthew Montgomery

*** Hymn 437** This is My Song, v. 1 FINLANDIA

Prayers of the People Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem Come Down, O Love Divine DOWN AMPNEY, arr. Dietterch

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 with 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 sight, 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 Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling. (A Laude of Banco da Siena, 15th c., trans. Littledale, 1867)

*** 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.**

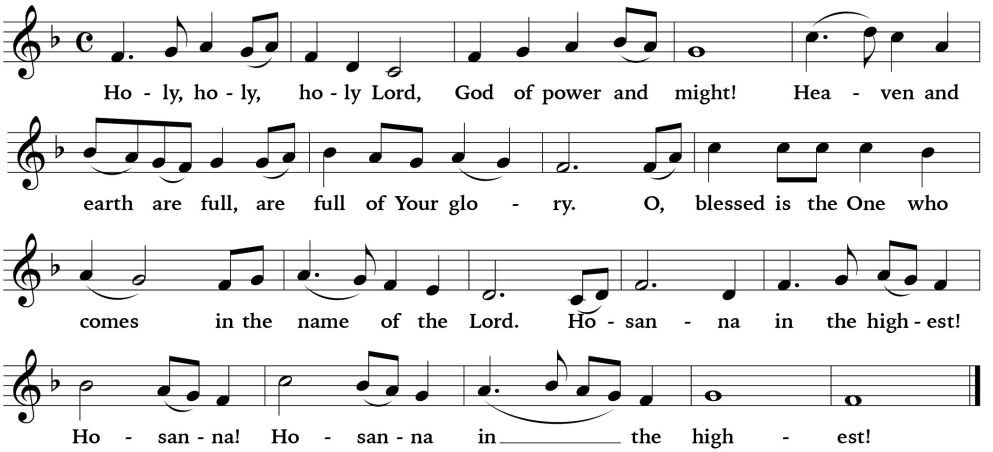
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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:

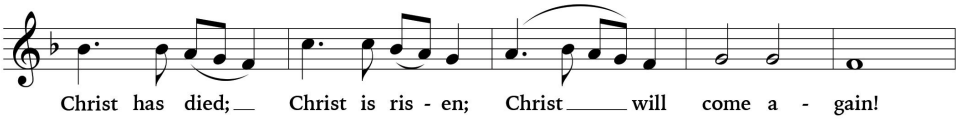


Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

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.

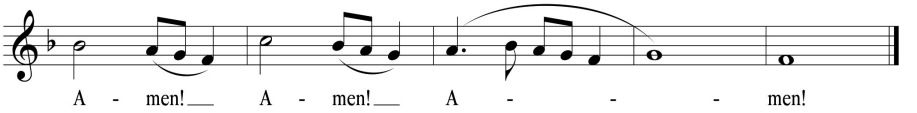
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, 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:

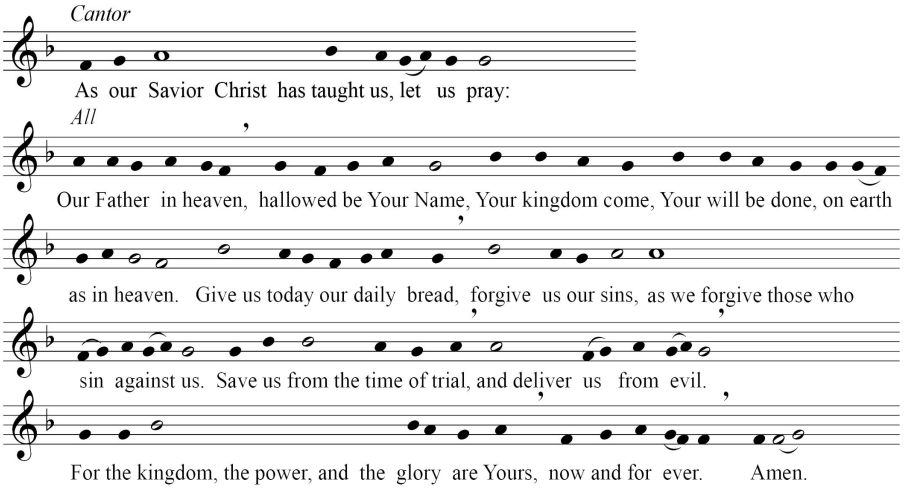


Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,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

Music During Communion God So Loved the World Bob Chilcott
Rebecca Bolding, solo

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

* **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.

* **Choral Benediction & Sending Forth**

THE LIFE WE GIVE

This fall, our giving campaign, *The Life We Give* reminded us that a life transformed by God's grace is a life offered in love and service to others. We see that generosity every day through Canterbury's worship, ministries, congregational care, and outreach... all made possible by your faithful support.

To those who have made your 2027 financial commitment, thank you! If you have not yet pledged, we encourage you to prayerfully consider how you can support Canterbury's mission and ministries in the coming year.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Mail your pledge card to the Finance Office
- Call the Finance Office at 205.874.1553
- Drop your pledge card in the offering plate
- Pledge online at www.canterburyumc.org/giving
- Pledge through the new Canterbury APP
- Pledge by scanning the QR code

Thank you for the many ways you share God's love through Canterbury!

Happening at Canterbury

Kids CanterburyCHELLA
November 11 | 10 AM
We are excited to host CanterburyCHELLA this week on Veteran's Day! It will be a morning of fun and music with *Huck & Lilly* giving your family a fun opportunity to come dance and sing together. Join us in Canterbury Hall and invite a friend!

Wednesday Night Schedule

TAKE NOTE!

- November 11 - No Dinner or Studies, Veterans' Day
- November 18 - Dinner & Session 3 Studies
- November 25 - No Dinner or Studies, Thanksgiving
- December 2 - Dinner & Session 3 Studies
- December 9 - Christmas Chili Cookoff

Calm Before the Stork
November 15 | 9:30 AM
Is your family growing through birth, adoption, or fostering? We'd love to walk alongside you! Join us next Sunday, November 15 to learn how we can support your family, explore baptism, nursery and Sunday School for your baby.
Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Coat Drive
Now through November 23
Coats, sweatshirts, fleeces of all sizes are needed for our Christmas Village coat drive! Our goal is to collect 500 coats, so check your closets! You may drop off anytime on the coat collection racks found in the church. (University branded sweatshirts are fine but please no K-12 schools)

Christmas Village Toy Collection
The annual toy drive is in full swing! Shop local at Snoozy's Kids (they deliver to Canterbury!) or purchase gifts from our Amazon Wish List (scan the QR code) Please deliver gifts by November 22. Thank you for helping us provide gifts for more than 400 local children!

You may also support Christmas Village by:
- Baking a dozen treats over the Thanksgiving holiday with your kids, grandkids, spouse, etc. and deliver to Canterbury on November 30. Our goal is 200 dozen baked treats!
- Volunteer to work at the event on Dec. 2 & 3! Sign up by scanning this QR code.

Encouragers Serve Night: Girls' Night Out
December 1 | 5:30 PM
All ladies are invited to join the Encouragers women's ministry for a special Christmas Serve Night benefiting girls in foster care at Grace House! We'll share a festive evening of dinner, cookie decorating, and Christmas cheer. Help make the night memorable by volunteering or donating needed items. Register to attend and pay the $15 dinner fee by scanning the QR code. Come share the joy and blessings of the season!

New Canterbury App! Have you downloaded it yet?
Stay connected! From worship livestreams and giving, to the church directory, calendar and registering for events... it's all in one place! Just search Canterbury UMC Birmingham in the Apple App Store or Google Play (look for our red logo box) to download for free.