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New Traditions

October 5, 2025

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



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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

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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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

World Communion Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Matthew Montgomery

* Hymn 710

Faith of Our Fathers

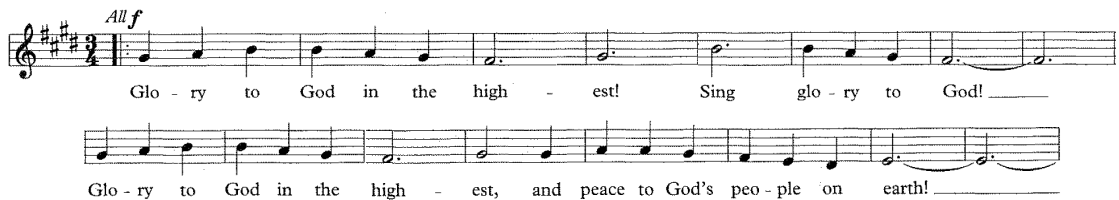
ST CATHERINE

Collect

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis



Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalms 37: 1-9

Stan Nelson, cantor

Do not be angry because *of the wicked, | do not be envious *of wrongdoers!

For they will soon fade *like the grass, | and wither like *the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, *and do good; | so you will dwell in the land, and enjoy se*curity.

Take delight *in the Lord, | who will give you the desires *of your heart.

Commit your way *to the Lord; | trust in God, *who will act,

Bringing forth your vindication *as the light, | and your right *as the noonday.

Be still and wait patiently be*fore the Lord; | do not be angry because of those who prosper in their way, because of those who carry out e*vil devices!

Refrain from anger, and *forsake wrath! | Do not be angry; it leads on*ly to evil.

For the wicked shall *be cut off; | but those who wait for the Lord shall pos*sess the land.

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

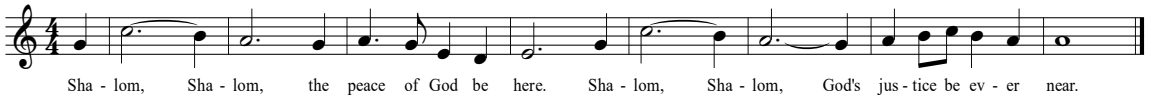
Kyrie 482

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 17: 5-12

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

Sermon

Rev. Hill Carmichael

Hymn 385

Let Us Plead for Faith Alone

ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Prayers of the People

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.
As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father,
break the bread and bless the cup: Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.
All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving,
we may true disciples be: Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully. (Percy Dearmer)

*** 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

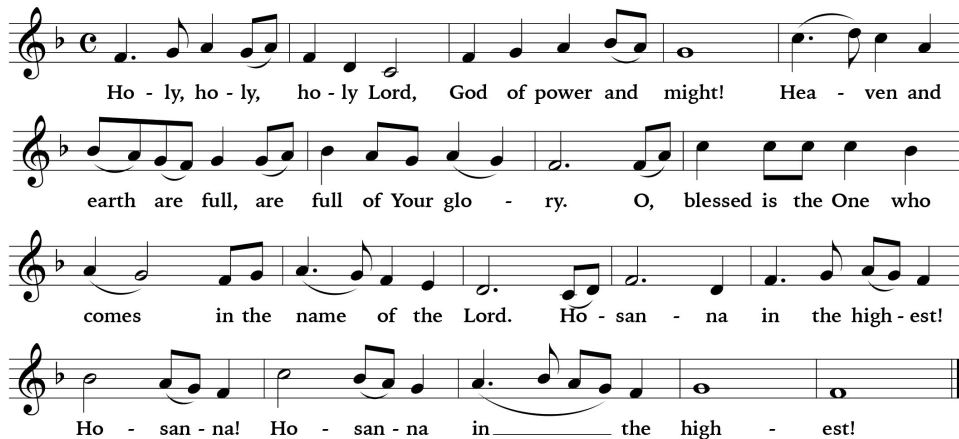
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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. Ushers will guide you.

Music During Communion

Thee We Adore

T. Frederick H. Candlyn

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee, who in thy sacrament art pleased to be;
Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail, yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.
O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to men doth here afford;
O may our souls forever feed on thee, and Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.
Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God, cleanse us, unclean, in thy most cleansing flood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.
O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be,
To gaze on thee unveiled, and see Thy face, the vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.
(Thomas Aquinas)

* 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

World Communion Sunday, observed on the first Sunday of October, is a special day that celebrates our unity in Christ with Christians around the globe. Rooted in the United Methodist emphasis on an open table, this day reminds us that Holy Communion is not just for one congregation or denomination but a shared meal that unites the worldwide Body of Christ. We join with churches of many traditions to break bread and share the cup, symbolizing the call to peace, reconciliation, and community across all cultures and nations.

Happening at Canterbury

Germany & Poland | April 2026

Faith Pilgrimage - Join Rev. Tori Hastings and fellow Canterburians April 9-19 and follow the footsteps of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Reformation. For more info and to register for the trip: www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages/

Keith Thompson's Bible Study Sundays | 5:30 PM

You're invited to join this study, meeting every Sunday at 5:30 PM in Room M208. This ongoing study is currently focused on II Kings, offering a meaningful time of teaching and discussion. All are welcome. Registration is not required.

EngAGE Lunch & Learn | October 7 | 11:30 AM

Please join us for a FREE community lunch and learn with Canterbury's own Dr. Amanda Cartee! Over a delicious lunch, Dr. Cartee will guide us through the fascinating world of gut health and how it plays a vital role in our overall well-being. It will be held from 11:30-1:00 PM in Wesley Hall. Come hungry for both food and knowledge, bring a friend and join us! RSVP: valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org

Canterbury Book Club October 13 & November 10

Held on the 2nd Monday of the month from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. Bring your lunch and join in the discussion. For book titles and dates: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

4K Faith Milestone | October 19 | 9:15 AM

We are so excited to see you and your 4K kiddo on October 19 at 9:15 AM in the Small Dining Room. We will be learning about prayer and how it helps us feel connected to God's heart. So that we will be prepared with materials for your family, please RSVP: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

YAC Journey Retreat | November 21-23

Register now! Journey is November 21-23 at Shocco Springs in Talladega. This is a fall retreat for all 7th-12th graders, and friends are always welcome! Make sure to sign up soon! Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Christmas Village Toy Collection



Join us in gathering toys this fall for over 350 children during our Christmas Village at ASP on December 3 and 4! This QR code will take you to our Amazon list for you to buy directly OR shop local and support our community! We will also need your help during the event...keep your eyes open for more info!

A NOTE FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

If you haven't had the chance to make your 2026 pledge yet, it's not too late. Every gift, large or small, makes a difference and helps us move forward together as one church, connected and committed to God's work in our community and beyond. When you are ready to make your 2026 financial commitment, please visit: www.canterburyumc.org/giving