

New Traditions

October 8, 2023

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Thank You for Joining Us Today!



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/visitors



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. Seth Moon
High School 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. 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 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.



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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Order of Worship

Elemental

Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, vv. 1, 2, 4

BEECHER

Collect

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

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis

Daniel Seigel, cantor

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!

Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalm 29: 1 - 2, 9 - 11

Stan Nelson, cantor

I will bless the Lord * at all times; | God's praise shall continually be* in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast * in the Lord; | let the afflicted hear * and be glad.

O magnify the * Lord with me, | and let us exalt God's name * together!

I sought the Lord, who * answered me, | and delivered me from * all my fears.

Look to God and be * radiant, | so your faces shall never * be ashamed.

The poor cried out, and * the Lord heard, | and saved them out of all * their troubles.

The angel of the * Lord encamps | around those who fear God and de-*livers them.

O taste and see that the * Lord is good! | Happy are those who take re-*fuge in God!

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

Jessie Mayne, cantor

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)

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

* Gospel Lesson

Luke 15: 11 - 32

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

Sermon

Vows

Rev. Keith Thompson

Response to the Word 140

Great is Thy Faithfulness, vv. 1, 3

FAITHFULNESS

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

This Gift is Free

Fred Gramann

Kathleen Buccleugh, solo

Come to the waters all who are thirsty. O come and drink; this gift is free.

Come to the table all who are hungry. O come and feast; this gift is free.

Come to the tree of life laden with fruit for you. O come and taste, this gift is free.

Come to the banquet hall. A place is set for you. O come and sit awhile; this gift is free.

Why do you buy food which cannot feed the soul? Or labor on for that which will not make you whole?

Come unto me and taste the food I give. Come unto me so that your soul may live.

*** 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 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 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:

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.

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. If you should require gluten-free bread, there are kits with white tops on the inside of each altar rail.

Music During Communion

O Food to Pilgrims Given

German chorale

O food to pilgrims given, O bread of life from heaven, O manna from on high!
 We hunger; Lord, supply us, nor thy delights deny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.
 O stream of love past telling, O purest fountain, welling from out the Savior's side!
 We faint with thirst; revive us, of thine abundance give us, and all we need provide.
 O Jesus, by thee bidden, we here adore thee, hidden in forms of bread and wine.
 Grant when the veil is risen, we may behold, in heaven, thy countenance divine

*** 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**

Thanksgiving for the life of

Charles Earle (Phillip Earle's brother).....September 30, 2023
 Sally Milby.....October 4, 2023

Congratulations to

Laura & Miller Sisson in the birth of their daughter, Louise Marie Sisson, born on October 1, 2023.



GUEST SPEAKER

LISA DAMOUR

OCTOBER 11

Parenting Girls

5:45-6:45pm

WESLEY HALL

Brookdale Drivers Needed

Want to brighten up your Sunday with smiles and laughs that will warm your heart? Well, we have just the thing! We are in need of drivers to pick up our members at Brookdale with our Canterbury bus and bring them to Sunday School. This great volunteer opportunity will be one Sunday a quarter or as much as you would like. For more info, contact Valerie at valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.

RISE Lock-In | October 20

Wait, what? I'm locked in!? That's right! RISE Ministry (5th-6th grade) get excited and ready to spend a night locked in at church! We will play games, eat lots of food and have a great time with friends! Drop off 6 PM on Friday, October 20 and pick up 10 AM on Saturday, October 21. Friends and neighbors welcome, so feel free to invite! Contact Davis Kinchler at davis.kinchler@canterburyumc.org to register.

Info Meeting for Passages of the Bible Cruise 2024 | October 29 | 11:30 AM

Join Rev. Tori Hastings and Guest Speaker Rev. Brian Erickson for a 10-night Mediterranean Cruise aboard Norwegian Getaway on the Passages of the Bible Cruise October 7, 2024. This itinerary will include the Holy Land, Egypt, Greece, and much more! For more info on this travel opportunity, plan to attend the upcoming Info Meeting on October 29 immediately after worship at 11:30 Am in Wesley Hall. Questions? Contact Tori Hastings at tori.hastings@canterburyumc.org.

Flower Guild Workshop | October 29 | 1-4 PM

Have you ever noticed the pretty flower arrangements on the altar each Sunday? Would you like to be a part of placing them? It is such a joy to choose the flowers and arrange them, and a lovely way to spend a Saturday morning. Janet Jackson, former co-owner of Flowerbuds, will lead a workshop on Sunday, October 29 from 1-4 PM in the dining room. You will learn everything from soaking oasis, conditioning flowers and building an arrangement. You will also get to take home the arrangement you make. Come and bring a friend! There will be a \$20 participation fee for materials. Please respond to Laurie Bullington at (205) 862-3654 or laurie.bullington@gmail.com by October 22 so that we will have enough materials! We hope you will prayerfully consider being a part of this lovely ministry!

Journey Retreat | November 17-19

Registration is now open! This is a retreat for all 7th-12th grade students, and friends are welcome! The weekend is full of sessions with awesome worship & talks, lots of games, small groups, and a whole lot of fun. This is a weekend that your student will not want to miss, so invite your friends and join us!

Fall Adult Studies & Small Groups

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

• Fall Session Two •

Boundaries

Led by Sheryl Thornton
Begins 10/11
6-7 pm, Room M208, Covenant Classroom

Life On Purpose

Led by Tori Hastings
Begins 10/11
6-7 pm, Room M227, Aldersgate Classrom

Living Your Strengths

Led by Annie Skinner
Begins 10/11
6-7 pm, Room A122, Renneker Conference Room

Comparison Trap

Led by Natalie Moon
Begins 10/18
6-7 pm, Small Dining Room

Emotionally Healthy Relationships For Young Adults

Led by Matthew Montgomery
Begins 10/18
6-7 pm, Location TBD

Ongoing Studies available to join:

Joshua

Led by Lisa Donnell and John Hutchinson
6-7 pm, Room M228 (Ongoing)

Wednesday Evening Bible Study-Exodus

Led by Keith Thompson
6-7 pm, Room M209, Wesley Hall (Ongoing)

SMALL GROUPS

Grief Care

This group serves as a means of self-care and shared community for persons in grief. For six weeks, we will listen, share, and gain important tools in navigating our unique grief experiences. Wednesdays, 10/11-11/15
Led by Sheryl Thornton | 12:00pm, Room M200

Book Club

Wednesday, 10/9
Knock at Midnight, by Brittany K. Barnett
Wednesday, 11/6
Before We Were Yours, by Lisa Wingate
11:30 am-12:30 pm, Room M200

Register today!

Jump in to an adult small group or Wednesday evening study!
Session Two begins October 11.

For a full listing of options and to register, please scan the QR code below or you may visit: canterburyumc.org/grow/adults/



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