

# ***New Traditions***

***October 13, 2024***



**Canterbury**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## 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](http://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. Matthew Montgomery

**Pastor** - Dr. Rick Owen

**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. 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](mailto: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](mailto:linda.carpenter@canterburyumc.org) so that we can all celebrate another child in our midst.

**Worship Online** We strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us! All worship services are available through:

### **Website:**

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

### **Facebook:**

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

### **YouTube:**

[www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC](http://www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC)

## **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](mailto: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.

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## **Contact Us**

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**To Join:** [matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org](mailto:matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org)  
205.868.6590 x2327

**Pastoral Care Response Line:** 205.999.4887

# Order of Worship

## Welcome and Announcements

### \* Hymn 428

For the Healing of the Nations

CWM RHONDDA

### Collect

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

**Eternal One, whose thoughts and ways are not ours, you alone are God, awesome, holy, and most high. School us in the ways of faith and wisdom, that we, like Job, may learn to truly see and hear, and in humility find blessing. Amen.**

### Gloria In Excelsis

*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 133

Stan Nelson, cantor

**Sung Refrain: Unite us, Lord, unite us by your everlasting love.**

Behold, how good and plea\*sant it is | when we live together in \*unity!

**It is like the precious oil up\*on the head, running upon the beard, |  
Upon the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar \*of his robes!**

It is like the dew of Hermon which falls on the moun\*tains of Zion!

**For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for \*evermore. (Refrain)**

### 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

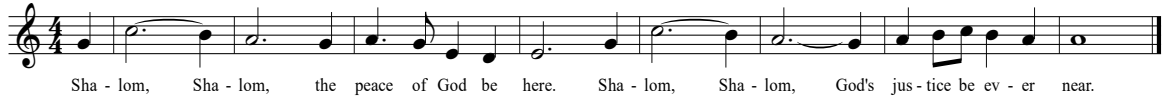
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

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**

John 13

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

**Sermon**

Circles are Better than Rows:  
Jesus' Circle

Bishop Mike Watson

**Hymn 121**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WELLESLEY

**Prayers of the People**

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

**Giving Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Anthem**

The Lily of the Valley

Spiritual, arr. Whalum

He's the Lily of the valley, oh, my Lord.

I've never been to heaven but I've been told, that the streets up there are paved with gold.

What kind of shoes are those you wear, that you can walk up in the air?

These shoes I wear are gospel shoes, and you can wear them if you choose.

He's the Lily of the valley, oh, my Lord.

\* **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

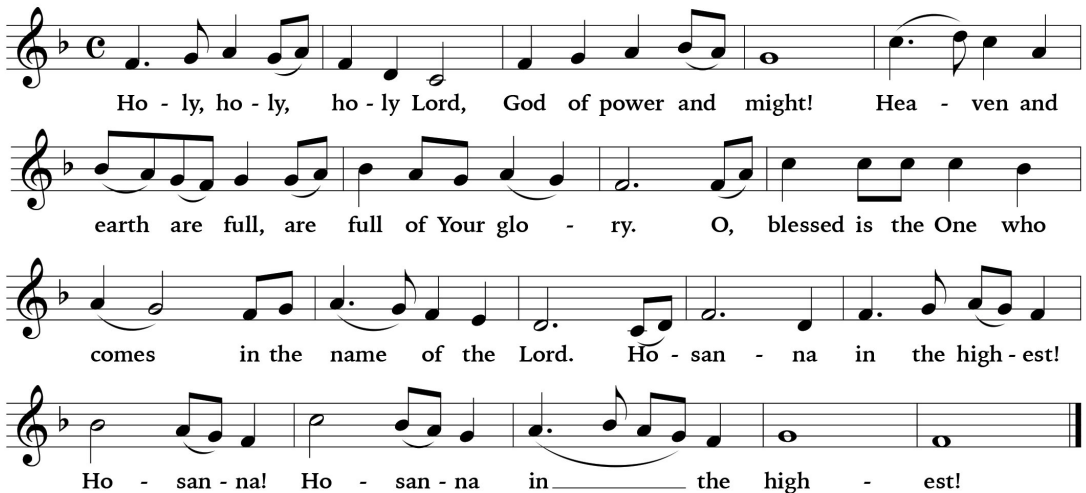
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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:**



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 God, 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.*

**Music During Communion** Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks G. P. da Palestrina

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, e'en so longeth my soul after Thee, O God.

**\* 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**

Madeline & Stewart Herndon, the proud parents of a baby boy, Everett O'Neal Herndon, born on September 3, 2024. We celebrate new life in our church family.

**Thanksgiving for the life of**

Frank Minter (Leighanne Davis' father).....October 2, 2024



# *It's great* TO SERVE WITH **CANTERBURY**

## **Churchwide Day of Service | October 27 | 9:30 AM - 12 Noon**

Our Outreach ministries are guided by Matthew 25, to live out our call to love 'the least of these.' On Sunday morning, October 27, our entire church will experience this passage as we worship together through hands-on service from 9:30-11:30 AM.

**REMEMBER! NO regularly scheduled worship services will be taking place on October 27.**

There will be one brief service held at 9:30 AM in Canterbury Center.

### **Schedule:**

9:30 AM Gather for a brief worship service | Canterbury Center

10:00 AM Disperse to service projects

11:30 AM Enjoy a complimentary fellowship lunch

### **Projects Include:**

- RISE AGAINST HUNGER FINALE - Volunteers Needed: 200
- FLOOD BUCKET PACKING - Volunteers Needed: 20
- LITTLE BROWN BAG PACKING - Volunteers Needed: 75
- DECONSTRUCTING BUNKBEDS (Off-site) - Volunteers Needed: 25
- BOOKS TO PRISONS LETTER WRITING - Volunteers Needed: 20
- BAG MAKING ACTIVITY for HOMEBOUND - Volunteers Needed: 30
- THANKSGIVING CARDS for PRISONERS - Volunteers Needed: 25
- PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING - Volunteers Needed: 15
- CLEANING BUCKET PACKING - Volunteers Needed: 50

**Scan to register!**



**RESERVE YOUR SPOT at [www.canterburyumc.org/outreach](http://www.canterburyumc.org/outreach)**

It's very important that you register for the project that you would like to take part in so that we can accommodate all who want to participate!

# Happening at Canterbury

## Adult Opportunities

### Men's Breakfast | October 17 | 6:30 AM

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast on Thursday, October 17, at 6:30 AM in Canterbury Hall. We will discuss the upcoming events specifically designed for men of the church. So, if you are interested in being a part of a Life Group or signing up for a Men's Retreat, you don't want to miss this breakfast event! \$12 per person. Register at: [www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast](http://www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast)

### Legacy Luncheon | October 29 | 12 Noon

Please join us for our "October Juke Fest" as we reminisce to the music from the 50's, 60's and 70's featuring Bob Norman and friends. Enjoy a fabulous lunch, fellowship, singing, and yes, some dancing on Tuesday, October 29 at Noon in Canterbury Hall. Please RSVP to [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org) by October 24.

### Divorce Support | New Session Begins October 29 | 6 PM

The Divorce Journey: Past, Present & Future. We are launching another group on Tuesday nights beginning on 10/29. This 10-week course is a safe and encouraging community where participants are guided along their unique journeys and beyond. Sessions include space for teaching, personal reflection and fellowship. Led by Rev. Leslie Etheredge in Room M200 on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM. Registration deadline is October 28. For more details and to register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

## Youth@Canterbury

### Register for Journey Retreat

Our Journey Retreat will be held November 22-24, and we will be going to Shocco Springs in Talladega, AL. This is a retreat for all 7th-12th graders and is an awesome weekend filled with meaningful talks, amazing worship, fun games, and more! For more details and to register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth)

## Kids@Canterbury

### 4th Grade Faith Milestone | October 20 | 9:15 AM

We are so excited to see you and your 4th grader at our 4th grade milestone next week on October 20 during the Sunday School hour. We will be learning about how our faith pushes us out into the world to serve others. Please RSVP at: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

## Hurricane Relief

Canterbury continues to graciously and generously respond to the recent needs of victims in the flooded and devastated areas across the southeast. Here are ways you can help:

FLOOD BUCKET ASSEMBLY on SERVE DAY OCT. 27 - We will assemble hurricane flood buckets that will be delivered to the UMCOR warehouse in Decatur. If you would like to donate the needed items for the buckets or if you would like to sign up to assemble the buckets, please visit: [www.canterburyumc.org/outreach](http://www.canterburyumc.org/outreach)

UMCOR DONATION - You may support UMCOR's disaster response by making a donation to Advance #901670. Please drop your check in the offering plate marked UMCOR #901670 - or make your donation online at: [www.umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670](http://www.umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670)



Mozart  
**REQUIEM**

Canterbury United Methodist Church Choir  
with orchestra

**Lester Seigel** *conductor*

with

Kathleen Buccleugh *soprano*

Gloria Parvin *mezzo*

David Tayloe *tenor*

Dan Seigel *baritone*

October 27, 4:30 p.m.  
in the Sanctuary



*Thank You for Joining Us Today!*