



THE LIFE WE GIVE



New Traditions

October 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday

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

www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch

YouTube

www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC

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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World Communion Sunday

We join Christians around the world on this World Communion Sunday sharing the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Chalices used today are from around the world: Kenya, Bethlehem, and the 2012 General Conference of the UMC.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Hill Carmichael

* Hymn 158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

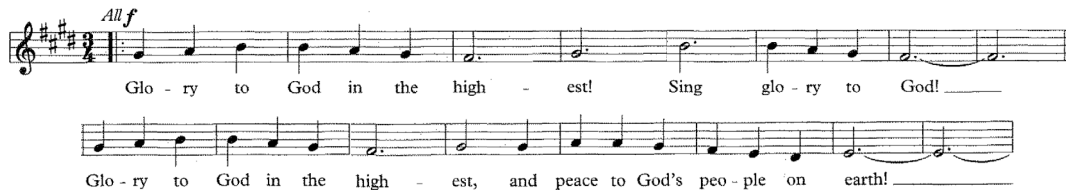
SPANISH HYMN

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 19: 7-10

Stan Nelson, cantor

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviv*ing the soul; |
the testimony of the Lord is sure, making *wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right, re*joicing the heart; |
the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlighten*ing the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is clean, endu*ring for ever; |
the ordinances of the Lord are true, and righteous *altogether.
More are they to be desired are they than gold, even *much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the *honeycomb.

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.**



The Lesson

Romans 12: 1-8

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

Sermon

The Life We Give: A Life Transformed

Rev. Keith Thompson

* Hymn 399

Take My Life, and Let it Be, vv. 1, 3

MESSIAH

Prayers of the People

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee

Eleanor Daley

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen; here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all my weariness upon thee lean. Here would I feed upon the bread of God, here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven; here would I lay aside each earthly load, and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven. This is the hour of banquet and of song; this is the heavenly table spread for me; here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee. Amen.

* 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:



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

Bread of the World

16th c. French melody

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead; look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed; and b thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

* 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.

* Reception of New Members

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church and bid you welcome to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

* Choral Benediction & Sending Forth



This month, we invite you to prayerfully consider what your time, talents, and financial commitment will be for Canterbury's ministries in 2027.

The Life We Give reminds us that generosity is about more than what we give... it's about the life we help make possible through God's work in our church, our community, and our world.

Please plan to join us for a great day of worship on **Commitment Sunday, October 18.**

Together, we will make our commitments as a church and will look with hope to where God is leading Canterbury in the coming year.

Happening at Canterbury

Combined Worship Next Sunday

October 11 | 10:30 AM | Sanctuary

Due to fall break, we will hold one combined service at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

New Traditions will be held at 8:15 AM in the Chapel.

Soup Day | October 15 | 10 AM-7 PM

This year at Christmas Village, we'll be giving quarts of homemade soup to the families who come shop at the village....and we need YOUR help!

You can support this effort in three ways:

- 1) **DONATE** canned goods through our Amazon link. Items will be shipped directly to Canterbury.
- 2) **DROP OFF** canned items in the Chaos Storage Room located next to Rachel's office.

We need: canned corn, Rotel, Great Northern beans, Black beans, Kidney beans

- 3) **MAKE** the soup!

Scan the QR code to sign up for a shift on October 15!



Dad & Me Legion Soccer | October 18 | 4 PM

Join us for a special night out with your dad, grandpa, favorite uncle or another important guy! We'll cheer on the Legion as they take on Loudon FC during Fan Appreciation Night. \$20 per person. The first 22 kids to register will be Junior Captains and walk onto the field with the players during the national anthem!

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

RISE Connect Retreat | October 23-24

4th-6th grades! Join us for a 24-hour overnight retreat at Camp Sumatanga with friends from area UMCs!

We'll worship, hike, play, and hang out as we connect with one another and God. \$150. Deadline to register is October 10.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Favorites -- An Organ Recital by Lester Seigel

November 1 | 2:30 PM | Sanctuary

Join us for a special afternoon as our very own Lester Seigel presents Favorites -- An Organ Recital, featuring some of the most popular works by J.S. Bach, Franz Liszt, Johannes Brahms, and Charles-Marie Widor. All are welcome!

YAC Journey Retreat | November 20-22

Journey will be held November 20-22 at Shocco Springs in Talladega. This retreat is for all 7th-12th graders (friends are welcome!). It's an awesome weekend filled with meaningful talks, amazing worship, fun games, and more! All students are encouraged to join us for this incredible retreat! Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Daily Bible Reading Plan | Genesis

This fall, we are journeying through the Book of Genesis together. Each Sunday evening, you will receive an email outlining the readings for the week. You can also follow along by visiting:

www.canterburyumc.org/2026-reading-plan

ASO: Concert Master & Friends at Canterbury

October 13 | 7:30 PM

Join us on October 13 for a chamber music concert celebrating America's 250th anniversary curated and led by the Alabama Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster Daniel Szasz. This program will feature Dvořák's "American" String Quartet and works by John Williams, Alan Hovhaness, Mark O'Connor, and others. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased through the Alabama Symphony Orchestra's website. Tickets: alabamasymphony.org/concert