

New Traditions

September 17, 2023

The Sixteenth 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 577

God of Grace and God of Glory, vv. 1, 2, 4

CWM RHONDDA

Collect

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

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis

Daniel Seigel, cantor

Musical notation for the Gloria In Excelsis. The first line is in treble clef, key of D major, and 3/4 time. It begins with a forte dynamic marking (*All f*). The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est! Sing glo - ry to God! _____". The second line continues the melody with the lyrics: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth! _____".

Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalms 48: 10 - 14

Stan Nelson, cantor

As your * name, O God, | so your praise reaches to the end * of the earth.

Your right hane is filled with * victory; | let Mount Zi-*on be glad.

Let the daughters of Ju-*dah rejoice, | because of * your judgments.

Walk about Zion, go round * about it, | number * its towers.

consider its rampart, go through its *citadels, | that you may tell the next * generation.

This is God, our God for ever * and ever. | God will be our guide * forever.

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.**

Musical notation for The Peace. It is in treble clef, key of D major, and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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)

Musical notation for the Gospel Alleluia. It is in treble clef, key of D major, and 6/8 time. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!"

* Gospel Lesson

John 21: 1 - 17

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

Sermon

Butterflies and Elemental Grace

Dr. Bill Morgan

Response to the Word 342

Where Shall My Wandering Soul Begin, vv. 1, 3, 6

ST. CATHERINE

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

What Shall I Render to my God

Sacred Harp, arr. Lovelace

What shall I render to my God for all his mercy's store?

I'll take the gifts he hath bestowed, and humbly ask for more.

The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive,

and all his promises embrace, and to his glory live.

My vows I will to his great name before his people pay, and all that I have,

and all that I am, upon his altar lay.

Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to thee whatever is mine,

born in thy family below and by redemption Thine.

Thy hands created me, thy hands from sin have set me free;

the mercy that shall loose my bands have bound me fast to thee.

Praise him, ye saints, the God of love who hath thy sins forgiv'n,

till at last we come with the church above

To sing the songs of heaven! (Charles Wesley)

*** 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.

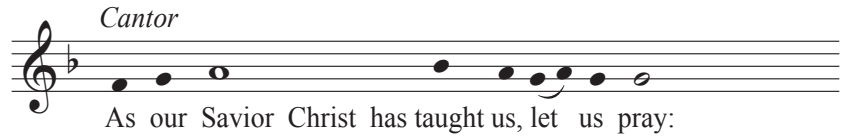
By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

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!

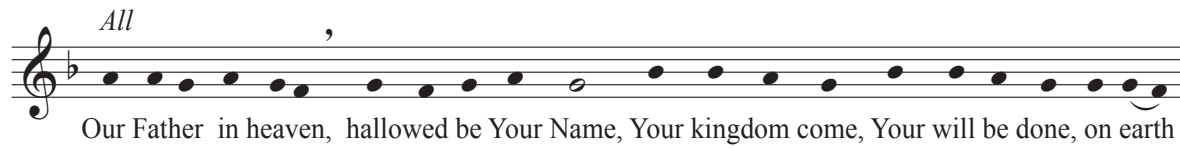
The Lord's Prayer (Chanted)

Cantor

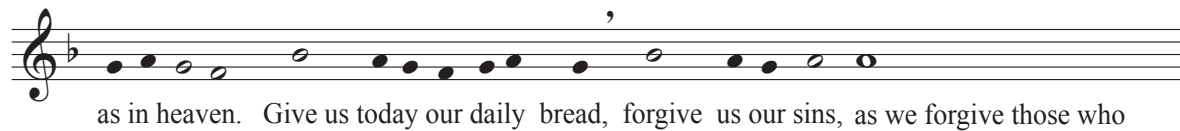


As our Savior Christ has taught us, let us pray:

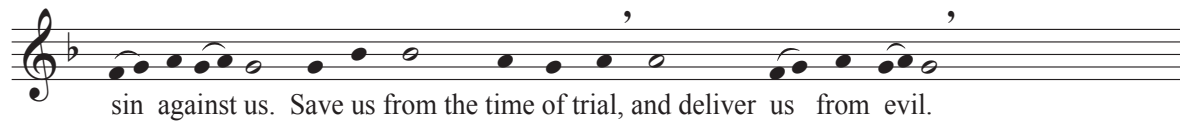
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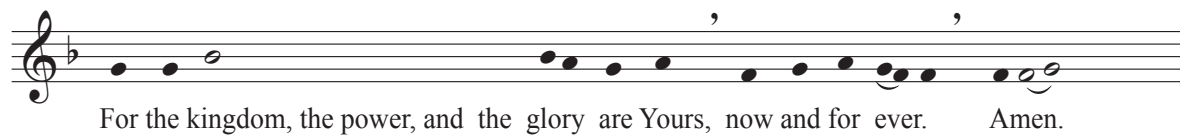
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth



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

God Be in my Head

John Rutter

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
 God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in mine heart, and in my thinking;
 God be at mine end, and in my departing. (16th-c. English prayer)

*** 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

Holland Covington, daughter of Lib & Coates Covington, born on August 24, 2023.
 Charlotte Elizabeth Funderburg, daughter of Amy & Corey Funderburg, born on September 6, 2023.

Thanksgiving for the life of

Laide Karpeles.....September 9, 2023

HAPPENING AT CANTERBURY

Next Steps | September 24 | 9:15 AM

Interested in membership? Sign up for our Next Steps Class! Next Steps is a 4-week class for anyone wanting to become a member of the church, as well as study our core beliefs and history. We will start Sunday, September 24 at 9:15 AM. Email becky.king@canterburyumc.org to sign up or for any questions. Join us!

Legacy Luncheon | September 26 | 12 Noon

Please join us on September 26 as long time Canterbury member, Gerrie Hansford, and the rest of the Knit Wits share the story of their history, what they do, and most of all why they do it. Come enjoy this time of fellowship and connection to learn more about each other and to embrace the spirit of Christ over a wonderful meal prepared by Chef Debbie. Please RSVP to valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org or 874-1523.

Family Fun Night | September 24 | 4-5:30 PM

Our first Family Fun Night of the school year will be held Sunday, September 24 from 4-5:30 PM at Defy Trampoline Park on Hwy. 119 (6009 Tattersall Drive Birmingham, AL 35242). Come join other families from Canterbury as we jump and play together. Registration is required for each jumper. Jumper cost is \$23 per person. Children 2nd grade and under should be accompanied by an adult. Friends and neighbors are welcome! We can't wait to join in fellowship and laughter! Please visit www.canterburyumc.org to register.

Children's Talent Show (ages K-6) | October 4 | 6 PM

There are so many talented children at Canterbury and we think it is time to share it with our church family with a Children's Talent Show. Their talent might be singing, twirling, gymnastics, dance, playing an instrument, doing a monologue, or a number of other ways. Our talent show will be held on Wednesday, October 4 at 6 PM following our Wednesday night dinner in Canterbury Hall. This will not be a competitive talent show. Children grades K-6 are invited to participate. All acts must be three minutes or less and all music must be appropriate for our Sanctuary. Register your child now at www.canterburyumc.org/childrevents. **All registration forms must be turned in today.** Contact Ruth Grissom at ruth.grissom@canterburyumc.org for more information. We hope your child will be a part of this fun evening and shine for God's glory!

Wednesday Night Guest Speaker | Lisa Damour, PhD | October 11 | 5:45 PM

Join us to hear Dr. Lisa Damour, author of three New York Times best sellers, speak about "Parenting Girls." She co-hosts the "Ask Lisa" podcast, works in collaboration with UNICEF, and is recognized as a thought leader by the American Psychological Association. Dr. Damour is also a regular contributor to The New York Times and CBS News. She will be speaking in Wesley Hall on October 11 from 5:45-6:45 PM.

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 227, Aldersgate Classroom

Living Your Strengths

Led by Annie Skinner
Begins 10/11
6-7 pm, Room 122, Renneker Conference Room

Ongoing Studies available to join

Joshua

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

Wednesday Night Bible Study - Exodus

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

Journey Retreat | November 17-19

Youth@Canterbury's Fall retreat, called the Journey Retreat, is November 17-19. Registration opens Monday, September 18 at 7 AM! 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! You can learn more at www.canterburyumc.org/youth.

Sr. High AM | Tuesdays | 7 AM

10th-12th grade students! Want to start your Tuesday mornings off on a great start? You bet you do! Join us on Tuesday mornings at 7:00 for Senior High AM! We'll meet at Crestline Bagel in Cahaba Heights. It's a great time filled with hanging out with the best people, and a devo to make your Tuesday great!

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, 10/2
A Knock at Midnight: A Story of Hope, Justice, and Freedom, by Brittany K. Barnett
11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Room M226

Emotionally Healthy Relationships

Tuesdays 9/12 - 10/31
Led by Annie Skinner
9-11 am, Room 227, Aldersgate Classroom