

New Traditions

September 29, 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



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 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.

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

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch

YouTube:

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.

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.

Contact Us

Church Office: 205.871.4695

To Join: matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org
205.868.6590 x2327

Pastoral Care Response Line: 205.999.4887

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn 185

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

Collect

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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis

Musical notation for the Gloria In Excelsis. The first line is marked *All f* and contains the lyrics: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est! Sing glo - ry to God! _____". The second line contains the lyrics: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth! _____".

Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalm 19: 7-10, 14

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, rejoic*ing the heart; |
the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlighten*ing the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is clean, endur*ing for ever; |
the ordinances of the Lord are true, and righteous *altogether.
Let the words *of my mouth | and the meditations *of my heart
be acceptable *in your sight, | O Lord, my rock and *my redeemer.

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

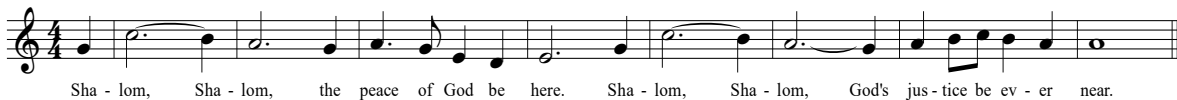
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Mark 5: 21-34

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

Sermon

Circles are Better than Rows:
Alone in a Crowded Room

Rev. Hill Carmichael

Hymn 266

Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

GRÄFENBURG

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

How Excellent Thy Name (Saul)

G. F. Handel

How excellent thy name, O Lord, in all the world is known!
Above all heavens, O King adored, how hast thou set thy glorious throne!

* Doxology & Wesley's Grace

**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.**

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The Great Thanksgiving

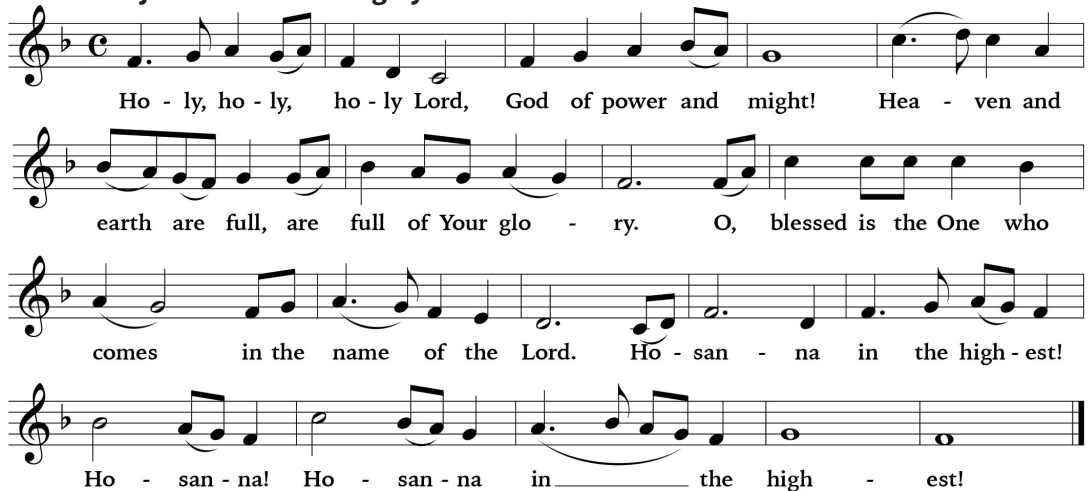
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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 risen; Christ will come again!

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!

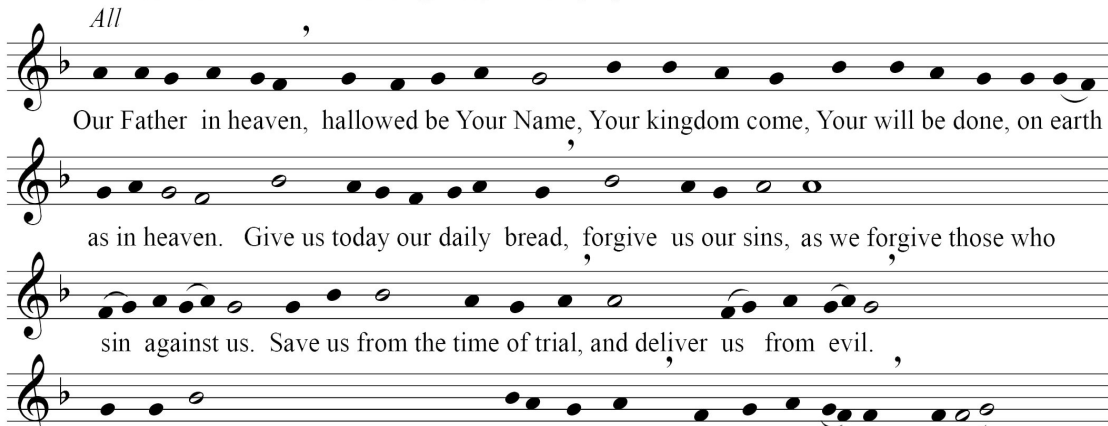
The Lord's Prayer (Chanted)

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 as We Celebrate the Future Together

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

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

JESU, MEINE FREUDE

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, truest friend to me,
Long my heart hath panted, till it well-nigh fainted, thirsting after thee,
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb, I will suffer naught to hide thee, ask for naught beside thee.
In thine arms I rest me; foes who would molest me cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking, every heart be quaking, Jesus calms our fear;
Sin and hell in conflict fell with their heaviest storms assail us; Jesus will not fail us.
Hence, all thoughts of sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father, though the storms may gather, still have peace within;
Yea, whate'er we here must bear, still in thee lies purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

*** 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

Nancy Miller (Lanie Kent's mother).....September 20, 2024

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

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

For years, Canterbury's Outreach ministries have been guided by Jesus' words in Matthew 25. On Sunday morning, October 27, our church will experience this passage as we worship together through hands-on service from 9:30 AM-12 Noon. *No indoor worship services will be held.* Please make plans to join us as we live out our call to love 'the least of these' and for a day to remember that 'It's Great to Serve with Canterbury!'

Schedule:

9:30 AM Gather for a brief time of worship | CHAPEL PARKING LOT
10:00 AM Disperse to service projects
11:30 AM Enjoy a complimentary fellowship lunch

Projects Include:

- RISE AGAINST HUNGER FINALE - Volunteers Needed: 200
- KIDS ACTIVITY - Volunteers Needed: 25
- FLOOD BUCKET PACKING - Volunteers Needed: 40
- BOOKS TO PRISONS LETTER WRITING - Volunteers Needed: 20
- LITTLE BROWN BAG PACKING - Volunteers Needed: 75
- SAGE ACTIVITY for HOMEBOUND - Volunteers Needed: 30
- THANKSGIVING CARDS for PRISONERS - Volunteers Needed: 25
- PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING - Volunteers Needed: 15
- FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TEAM - Volunteers Needed: 10
- BUNKBED DECONSTRUCTION (Off-site at Midfield Ministry Center) - Volunteers Needed: 25
- SOUP MAKING (At home option) - Volunteers Needed: 25

Scan to register!



We will need over 500 volunteers to make this day a success!

Grab your friends and family and make sure to be a part of it! For full details on each of these projects and to register your spot, please visit: www.canterburyumc.org/outreach

Happening at Canterbury

Grief Care | Begins October 9 | 12 Noon

When we lose someone we love, we embark on a journey not of our choosing. But it is a vital and sacred journey for grief just the same. This group serves as a means of self-care and shared community for persons in grief. During this 6-week course, we will listen, share and gain important tools in navigating our unique grief experiences. These sessions will be offered 10/9-11/13 on Wednesdays at 12 Noon in Room M200. Led by Hill Carmichael. For more details and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

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

Save the date! All men of Canterbury are invited to the Men's Breakfast on Thursday, October 17, at 6:30 AM. We'll enjoy breakfast and fellowship in Canterbury Hall and will also discuss the upcoming events specifically designed for men of the church. So, if you are interested in being a part of a Life Group, signing up for a Men's Retreat, or being a part of any of the upcoming ministries for men in the church, you don't want to miss this breakfast event! \$12 per person. Registration details coming soon!

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. Be on the lookout, you never know who is waiting in the wings to jitterbug. Come and enjoy a fabulous lunch, fellowship, singing, and yes, some dancing on Tuesday, October 29 at 12 Noon in Canterbury Hall. Please RSVP to valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org by October 24.

Divorce Support | New Session Begins October 29 | 6 PM

The Divorce Journey: Past, Present & Future - Going through a divorce holds such a wide range of feelings, decisions and reassessments of life goals. 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 Monday, October 28. For more details and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Faith Pilgrimage Wesley Heritage Tour | June 2025

Join Rev. Tori Hastings and fellow Canterburians on a Wesley Heritage Tour June 4-12, 2025. You will spend nine days in England touring Coventry, Epworth, Cotswolds, Stratford, Oxford, Bristol, Wesley's London and much more. Starting from \$4,248 per person. For the complete brochure and to register, please visit: www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages

Youth@Canterbury

Registration Open 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! This is a retreat that your student is not going to want to miss! For more details and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Kids@Canterbury

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

Faith Milestones are a chance for the church to celebrate exactly who your child is right now and connect that to important parts of our faith practices here at church. We are so excited to see you and your 4th grader at our 4th grade milestone 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 so that we will be prepared with materials for your family. For more details and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Adult Studies

Wednesday Evening Studies | Session 2 Begins October 9 | 6-7 PM

The next round of studies begin in just two weeks! Register today at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

- A Deeper Dive into the Psalms

Led by Bishop Mike Watson | Room 226

- The Archeology of the Holy Land

Led by Paul McCracken | Room M227

- Wednesday Evening Bible Study (ongoing)

Led by Keith Thompson | Room 209, Wesley Hall

- Genesis: The Beginning (ongoing)

Led by Lisa Donnell and John Hutchinson | Room 228-229

Stewardship

It's Great to be at Canterbury!

THANK YOU to all of those who have made their financial commitments for the coming year. All the gifts you bring make this place special and remind us that it's great to be at Canterbury. We have so much to look forward to in 2025! If you are ready to make your financial commitment to support Canterbury's vital ministries, please visit www.canterburyumc.org/giving. If you have questions, please email Carolyn Phillips in the Finance Office or call 205.874.1553.



Thank You for Joining Us Today!