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**New Traditions**  
**September 14, 2025**

## 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/attendance](http://www.canterburyumc.org/attendance)



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

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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](mailto:becky.king@canterburyumc.org).

### CONTACT US

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### 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

# Order of Worship

## Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Bill Morgan

### \* Hymn 547

O Church of God, United, vv. 1, 2, 4

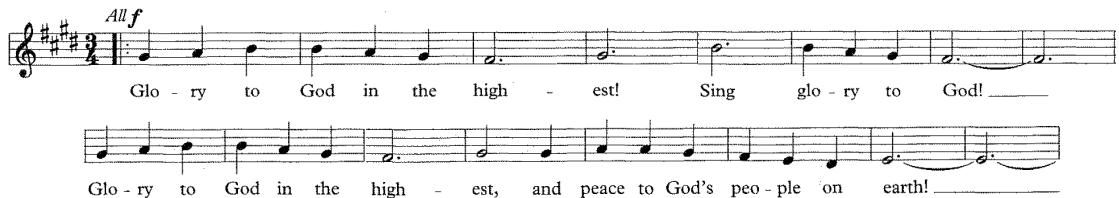
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### Collect

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

**O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Gloria In Excelsis



### Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalms 14

Stan Nelson, cantor

Fools say in their hearts, "There \*is no God." | **They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none \*that does good.**

The Lord looks down from heaven \*on all people, | to see if there are any that are wise, who seek \*after God.

**They have all gone astray, they are all a\*like perverse; | there is none that does good, \*no, not one.**

Have they no knowledge, the evildoers who eat up my people as \*they eat bread, | and do not call u\*pon the Lord?

**There they shall be \*in great terror, | for God is with the generation \*of the righteous.**

You would confound the plan \*of the poor, | but the Lord \*is their refuge.

**O that deliverance for \*Israel | would \*come from Zion!**

**When the Lord re\*stores their fortunes, | Jacob shall rejoice and Israel \*shall be glad!**

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

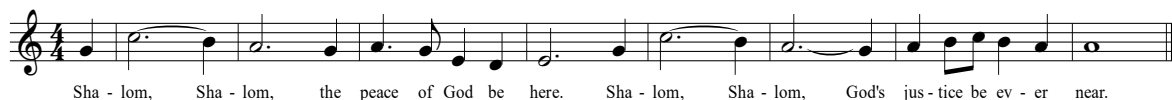
### Kyrie 482

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

Acts 2: 42-47

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

### Sermon

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Rev. Keith Thompson

### Hymn 550

Christ, From Whom All Blessings Flow, vv. 1-4

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### Prayers of the People

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

### Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

### Anthem

Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
Daniel Seigel, solo

arr. James Cook

### \* 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

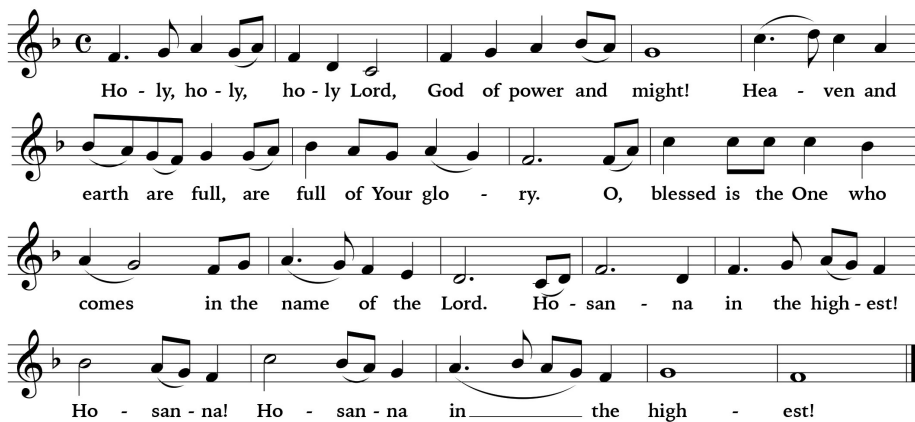
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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:**



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

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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**

As the Disciples

Lee Hastings Bristol

As the disciples, when thy Son had left them, met in a love feast, joyfully conversing,  
All the stored memory of the Lord's last supper fondly rehearsing.  
So may we here, who gather now in friendship, seek for the spirit of those earlier churches,  
Welcoming him who stands and for an entrance, patiently searches.

As when their converse closed and supper ended, taking the bread and wine they made thanksgiving,  
Breaking and blessing, thus to have communion with Christ the living.  
So may we here, a company of faithful, make this our love feast and commemoration,  
That in his spirit we may have more worthy participation.

And as they prayed and sang to thee, rejoicing, ere in the nightfall they embraced and parted,  
In their hearts singing as they journeyed homeward, brave and true-hearted.  
So may we here, like grain that once was scattered over the hillside, now one bread united,  
Led by the Spirit, do thy work rejoicing, lamps filled and lighted.

## **\* 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**

## **Thanksgiving for the life of**

Judy Watson Kingry (Mike Watson's sister).....September 8, 2025

# Happening at Canterbury

## Fall Studies Continue!

### SESSION 2 Begins Wednesday, October 1

Our Pastors and Staff are teaching their same “Fall Favorites” again for Session 2. If you missed a study from Session 1, here’s your chance!



- ACTS - Hill Carmichael
- JOHN - Rick Owen
- REVELATION - Keith Thompson
- JOB - Matthew Montgomery
- PSALMS - Mike Watson
- JAMES - Tori Hastings
- GENESIS - Eleanor Christiansen & Natalie Moon
- JONAH - Annie Skinner
- PAUL - Lisa Donnell & Team

To register, scan the QR code above or visit:  
[www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

### Keith Thompson’s Bible Study Sundays | 5:30 PM

You’re invited to join this study, meeting every Sunday at 5:30 PM in Room M208. This ongoing study is currently focused on II Kings, offering a meaningful time of teaching and discussion. All are welcome. Registration is not required.

### Legacy Luncheon | September 23 | 12:00 PM

Make plans to join us for a very special and inspiring Legacy Luncheon as we welcome Dr. John Waits from Freedom Farm. RSVP by 9/18:  
[valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org)

### Men’s Breakfast | September 25 | 6:30 AM

Join us for our quarterly breakfast as we welcome Canterbury’s Dave Wood, who will share inspiring stories from his Veterans Flights; a mission where he uses his own aircraft to help veterans travel when special needs arise. Enjoy breakfast (\$12), fellowship, and words that will encourage! Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast](http://www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast)

### Dad & Me Nerf Challenge | September 28 | 2 PM

Join us for an exciting afternoon of Nerf fun for kids and their dads... or any father-figure! Come dressed in camo or play clothes, bring your favorite Nerf toy (or borrow one from our stash), and get ready for friendly challenges! While all ages are welcome, note that the games are fast-paced and may be best suited for elementary-aged kids. Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

### Encore Volunteer Training | October 1 | 9 AM

If you would like to make a difference in the lives of those living with dementia or memory loss, Encore would love for you to join the program as a volunteer. This is the most rewarding experience that you could ask for! Join us for the training on 10/1. Register: [encorepatti@gmail.com](mailto:encorepatti@gmail.com).

### Grief Care | Begins October 1 | 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. Led by Hill Carmichael on Wednesdays (10/1-11/5) at Noon. Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/care](http://www.canterburyumc.org/care)

### EngAGE Lunch & Learn | October 7 | 11:30 AM

Please join us for a FREE community lunch and learn with Canterbury’s Dr. Amanda Cartee! Over lunch, Dr. Cartee will guide us through the fascinating world of gut health and how it plays a vital role in our overall well-being. It will be held from 11:30-1:00 PM in Wesley Hall. Bring a friend. Register: [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org)



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