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New Traditions
September 21, 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



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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

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

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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.

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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

Commitment Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Rick Owen

* Hymn 64

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

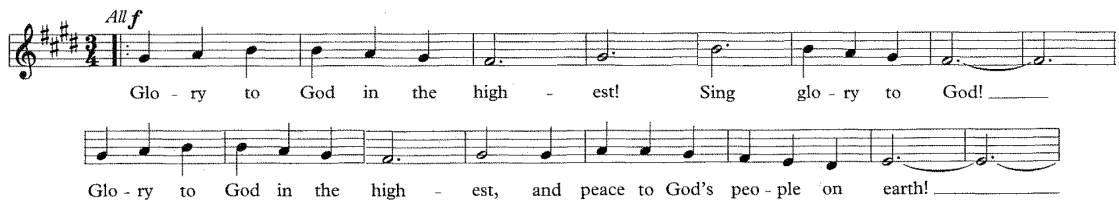
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Collect

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis



Psalter Reading (Chanted)

Psalms 113

Stan Nelson, cantor

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants *of the Lord, | **praise the name *of the Lord!**

Blessed be the name *of the Lord | from this time forth and for *evermore!

From the rising of the sun *to its setting | the name of the Lord is *to be praised!

The Lord is high a*bove all nations, | God's glory a*bove the heavens!

Who is like the Lord our God, who is sea*ted on high, |

who looks down upon the heavens *and the earth?

God raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy *from the ash heap, |

to make them sit with princes, with the princes *of God's people.

God gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mo*ther of children. |

Praise *the Lord!

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

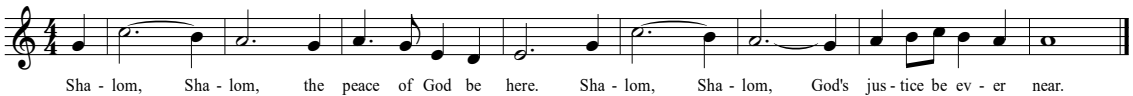
Kyrie 482

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

1 Peter 4: 8-11

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

Sermon

Come. Connect. Commit: COMMIT

Rev. Hill Carmichael

Hymn 549

Where Charity and Love Prevail, vv. 1, 2

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Prayers of the People

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Amazing Grace

arr. Allen Orton Gibbs

* Doxology & Wesley's Grace

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**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

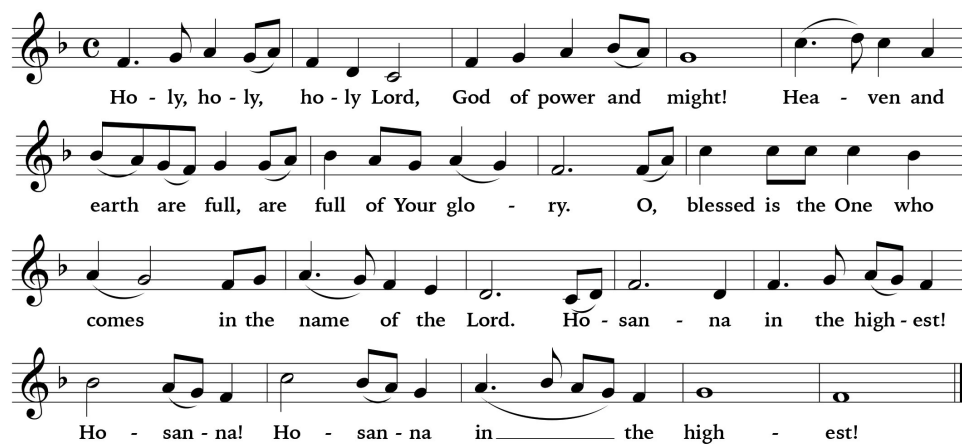
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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)

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?

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

A Time of Commitment

You may bring your pledge card forward as you receive communion.

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

Father, We Thank You

RENDEZ A DIEU

Father, we thank you, for you planted your holy name within our hearts.
 Knowledge and faith and life immortal Jesus your Son to us imparts.
 Lord, you have made all for your pleasure, and given us food for all our days,
 Giving in Christ the bread eternal; yours is the power, be yours the praise.
 Watch o'er your church, O Lord, in mercy, save it from evil, guard it still;
 Perfect it in your love, unite it, cleansed and conformed unto your will.
 As grain, once scattered on the hillsides, was in the broken bread made one,
 So from all lands your church be gathered into your kingdom by your Son.

*** 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 Betsy & Richmond Watson, proud parents of a baby boy, Richmond Sharbrough Watson, Jr., born on September 8, 2025.
- to Jenna & Sam Hudson, proud parents of a baby girl, Ann Katherine Hudson, born on September 14, 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

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.

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

Join us for 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) and fellowship. Register: 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, bring your favorite Nerf toy, and get ready for some fun and friendly challenges! Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Encore Volunteer Training | October 1 | 9 AM

Come 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 upcoming training on 10/1. Register: 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

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

Join us for a FREE 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. 11:30-1:00 PM, Wesley Hall. Register: valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org

RISE Connect Fall Retreat | October 17-18

4th–6th graders, join us for a 24-hour retreat at Camp Sumatanga filled with worship, hiking, games, and time with God and friends! Cost is \$125 (includes t-shirt, meals, lodging, and supplies). Canterbury priority registration ends Sept. 29; final deadline is October 1. Don’t miss it! Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

YAC Journey Retreat | November 21-23

Save the date! Journey will be November 21-23 at Shocco Springs in Talladega, AL. This is a fall retreat for all 7th-12th graders (friends welcome!). Registration will open September 29. Details: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth