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Sanctuary Worship

August 24, 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



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

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. 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. 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 activity bags available as you enter the worship space. 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. Canterbury uses a computer check-in system as part of our Safe Sanctuary Policy. Nursery for other activities and church events can be provided. Please email Breana Stallings at breana.stallings@canterburyumc.org with any questions about the nursery.

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 email 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*

Worship Online We strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us! All Sunday worship services are available through:

Website

www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online

Facebook

www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch

YouTube

www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC

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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

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Pastoral Care Response Line: 205.999.4887

Order of Worship

Voluntary

Aria

Flor Peeters

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Matthew Montgomery

*** Processional Hymn 173**

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

*** Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*** Passing of the Peace** *The Peace of the Lord be with you, and also with you.*

Children's Moment

Eleanor Christiansen

Baptism

Julian Carter Hailey

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Our Lord has expressly given to little children a place among the people of God, which holy privilege must not be denied them. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, how He said, *"Let the children come to Me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God."*

To the parents

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you; Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people everywhere? **We do.**

Will you nurture Julian Carter in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? **We will.**

To the congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this family now before you in your care?

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Julian Carter, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

The Baptism

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother into the body of Christ.

Through baptism we are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

Choral Response

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

STUTT GART

Child of blessing, Child of promise baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Anthem

The Best of Rooms

Randall Thompson

Christ, He requires still, wheresoe'er He comes,
to feed, or lodge, to have the best of rooms.
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part
of all the house; the best of all's the heart. (Robert Herrick)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Ain'a That Good News!

Spiritual, arr. Dawson

I got a crown up in-a that Kingdom, Ain'a that good news!
I'm a gonna lay down this world; gonna shoulder up my cross,
Gonna take it home to my Jesus, ain'a that good news!
I got a robe up in that Kingdom...
I got a Savior in that Kingdom...

* Doxology

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. Amen.**

* Gospel Hymn 444

O Young and Fearless Prophet, vv. 1, 2

BLAIRGOWRIE

* Gospel Lesson

Luke 13: 10-17

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

* Gospel Hymn 444

O Young and Fearless Prophet, vv. 4, 5

BLAIRGOWRIE

Sermon

What Do You Value?

Rev. Keith Thompson

* Closing Hymn 189

Fairest Lord Jesus

* Dismissal & Blessing

* Recessional Prayer

Ted Clark, cantor

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in memory of Pat Goodhew by his family.

Thanksgiving for the life of

Pat Goodhew (Claire Goodhew's husband).....August 18, 2025

PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM

JULIAN CARTER HAILEY

April 30, 2025

Parents: Alyssa & Reed Hailey

Sibling: Hunter Hailey

Grandparents: Eddie & Alesia Carter, Julian & Holly Hailey

Great-grandparent: Kenneth Propps

Happening at Canterbury

Fall Bible Studies | Register Now

Begin Wednesday, August 27 at 6 PM

Our Pastors and Staff are teaching “Fall Favorites,” their favorite books of the Bible. Register now for Sessions 1 & 2, there are lots to choose from!



- 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

Kid's Wednesday Nights | Begin August 27

All Kids@Canterbury are invited to be a part of Wednesday nights! From 6-7 PM, there's a choir/ministry combo for 3K-3rd grade and a RISE opportunity for 4th-6th grades.

Register: canterburyumc.org/grow/children

NEXT STEPS

Begins September 7 | 9:15 AM

This Sunday morning class is a basic introduction to our church family and a wonderful time for you to continue building connections with others. If you are interested in making Canterbury your church home, please join us on 9/7, 9/14 & 9/21 at 9:15 AM in the Dining Room.

RSVP: becky.king@canterburyumc.org

FAITH PILGRIMAGE

Interest Meeting | Poland & Germany

TODAY | 11:30 AM

Join Rev. Tori Hastings and fellow Canterburyans April 9-19 and follow the footsteps of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Reformation. For more details, plan to attend an Interest Meeting today immediately after 10:30 AM worship in Wesley Hall. For more info and to register for the trip, please visit: www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages

First MYF of the Fall | TONIGHT | 5 PM

We've added 15 minutes to MYF...because now we have a YAC Band! All 7th-12th graders, meet in Canterbury Hall at 5 PM on Sunday nights for games, snacks, worship, and small groups! Friends are always welcome!

Young Marrieds Cookout | TONIGHT | 6 PM

Are you married, under 35, and looking to build community with others in the same season of life? Join us for a brand-new small group led by Tommy and Leigh Ann Sisson. To kick things off, join us for a cookout this evening at 6 PM. RSVP: matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org

Legacy Luncheon | August 26 | 12 Noon

All are invited to join us for a fun-filled Legacy Luncheon with The Basement Band—lifelong friends Lewis, Mike, and Vic, who turned basement jam sessions into a classic oldies adventure. Enjoy food, good company, and toe-tapping tunes as we kick off the fall season in Canterbury Hall. (Lunch \$5) RSVP: valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org

Happening at Canterbury

Combined Worship | August 31 | 10:30 AM

Next Sunday, we will hold one combined service in the Sanctuary at 10:30 AM. New Traditions will be held in the Chapel at 8:15 AM. Also, church offices will be closed on September 1. Have a safe and happy Labor Day Weekend!

3rd grade Bibles - Faith Milestone September 7 | 9:15 AM & 10:30 AM

We will present Bibles to each 3rd grader during the Sunday School hour and follow that presentation with a teaching session. We will continue our celebration with their church family in the Sanctuary during worship as their church blesses these Bibles and the hands that hold them. RSVP:

www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Communion Server Training September 7 | 11:30 AM

Join us for Communion Server Training, September 7 from 11:30 - 12:30 as we prepare and equip volunteers to serve during the Lord's Supper with reverence, care, and understanding. This brief but essential session will cover responsibilities, logistics, and the spiritual significance of the role. Whether you're new or seasoned in serving communion, your participation helps ensure a meaningful worship experience for our church family. All are welcome! Questions? Email Rick Owen at rick.owen@canterburyumc.org.

RISE Climbing Event | September 14 3:30-6:30 PM

RISE! Let's go climb to new heights at the Hoover Climbing Adventure complex on September 14. Drop off at 3:30 in the Chapel lot. Fee \$15, which covers climbing and pizza! RSVP: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

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

Our quarterly Men's Ministry Breakfast will be held Thursday, September 25 at 6:30 AM in Canterbury Hall. Enjoy a great breakfast (\$12), wonderful fellowship, and words of inspiration. Hope you will join! RSVP: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast

ENCOURAGERS Interest

In late September, Canterbury will launch Encouragers - an intergenerational women's program. The goal is to form many small groups of all ages to meet together once a month for a year for fellowship, prayer and service! Register: bit.ly/4oL0mdi

Costa Rica Cairos Trip | November 4-11

Rachel Estes has 2-3 more spots for an Outside Cairos serving the women affected by incarceration in San Jose, Costa Rica in November. Cost is \$2000 which covers flight, food, lodging and 5 women in the program. If you are interested in going November 4-11, please let Rachel Estes know ASAP by emailing rachel.estes@canterburyumc.org.



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