

REAL



Sanctuary Worship

July 13, 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

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

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Order of Worship

Voluntary

Anthem in the Phrygian Church Mode

Eugene Gigout

Welcome and Announcements

* **Processional Hymn 384**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

* **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

Commissioning

Magic City Work Week

LEADER: Today, we gather as the body of Christ, united in the work of real grace and real love. We commission our youth group, our YAC Herd, as they prepare to serve in the West End of Birmingham. As they paint homes and build new relationships with our brothers and sisters in West End, they will be part of God's work of renewal in this city and in God's world.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

We send you with our love and prayers. Go, as Christ's hands and feet in the world.

LEADER: As you begin your journey of new relationships and service this week, we remind you that you go not just as workers, but as witnesses to the love of God. May your hearts be open to new relationships with West End residents, and may your actions reflect the grace and love that God has shown to each of us.

YOUTH RESPONSE:

With God's help, we will love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously. We go, knowing we are not alone.

LEADER: Canterbury, will you uphold these young people with your prayers, supporting them with encouragement and love this week and beyond?

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

We will. We commit to pray for you and to walk alongside you throughout Magic City Work Week. May your work be a reflection of God's real grace and real love, bringing light to those you serve and to yourselves.

LEADER: Now, let us pray over these youth as we send them out.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:

Gracious God, we thank You for the willingness of these young people to step out in faith and serve. We pray for open hearts that seek love above all things. May their work bring healing, hope, and the tangible presence of Your love to the West End. We trust that through their service, Your Kingdom is made known in real, life-changing ways. Amen.

Anthem

Hear My Prayer, O God

Jacob Arcadelt

Hear my prayer, O God, turn not from me; hearken unto the voice of my supplication.
I will call on God; He alone will be my salvation. He endureth for all generations.
O Lord almighty, turn not Thyself from me, I pray Thee, O Lord God. Amen.

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

How Lovely are the Messengers

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that bring us the gospel of peace!
To all generations is gone forth the sound of their word,
throughout all the land their glad tidings.

*** 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 355**

Depth of Mercy, vv. 1, 2

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Gospel Lesson

Luke 15: 11-32

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

* Gospel Hymn 355

Depth of Mercy, vv. 4, 5

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Sermon

Lost

Rev. Garrett Harper

* Closing Hymn 377

It Is Well With My Soul, vv. 1, 4

VILLE DU HAVRE

* Dismissal & Blessing

* Recessional Prayer

Ted Clark, cantor

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is almost here! July 28-31

• VBS Registration Deadline | July 13

Our rising 4K-3rd graders are going to have a blast at VBS week, Dive Deep, where we will go on our deep water adventure each day from 9 am-noon. Registration closes this evening, July 13.
Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

• VBS Volunteers Needed

We need 5 more adult leaders to make VBS a fun and successful week for our children.
Sign up: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

• VBS Decoration Crew | July 23 | 5-6 or 6-7 PM

If you are unable to serve as an adult leader, you can still be a part of VBS by helping to decorate! On Wednesday evening, July 23 we have two time shifts that will bring our halls to life. Childcare provided. (Youth welcome!) Sign up: Email Maddie at maddie.moravek@canterburyumc.org

Summer Combined Worship Join us for worship at 8:15 AM in the Chapel for New Traditions or for a combined worship service at 10:30 AM.

- July 20 - Contemporary Worship
- July 27 - Sanctuary Worship
- August 3 - Contemporary Worship
- August 10 - Sanctuary Worship
- August 17 - *Regular Worship Schedule Returns!*

Happening at Canterbury

Magic City Work Week | July 13-18

This week, YAC will take part in Magic City Work Week (formerly known as Mission Week)! This year they've partnered with Riverchase UMC church to make an even bigger impact in Birmingham's West End neighborhood repairing homes for residents there. Please be in prayer for our staff, youth and adult leaders as they go out to be the hands and feet of Christ.

UMW Summer Meal Series

Taco Mama | July 23

Make plans to have dinner at Taco Mama in Crestline on Wednesday, July 23! Be sure to mention "Canterbury Fundraiser" when you check out so UMW will receive a portion of the proceeds. Thank you!

Men's Breakfast | July 24 | 6:30 AM

We will welcome our Bishop Jonathan Holston at the Men's Breakfast on July 24 at 6:30 AM in Canterbury Hall. Enjoy a great breakfast (\$12), wonderful fellowship, and words of inspiration. Hope you will join us and bring a friend! Register: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast

Adult Sunday Summer School 9:30 AM | Wesley Hall

Each Sunday, one of our pastors will lead a group-style discussion class that will follow the sermon series...focusing on the sermon and scripture of the day! Summer is a great time to mix things up, meet new friends and try something new, so join us for a fun "SUMMER SCHOOL" option on Sunday mornings.



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