

# GREATEST HITS

OF THE BIBLE

SUMMER 2024



**Sanctuary Worship**

**JUNE 9, 2024**

## 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)



**Senior Pastor** - Rev. Keith Thompson

**Pastor** - Rev. Hill Carmichael

**Pastor** - Rev. Tori Hastings

**Pastor** - Dr. Bill Morgan

**Pastor** - Rev. Sheryl Thornton

**Pastor** - Rev. Sam Williamson

**Pastor** - Rev. Matthew Montgomery

**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.

**CANTERBURYUMC.ORG**

# 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.

Children's Ministry at Canterbury begins at birth. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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*

**Watch Online** We understand the challenges you face and we strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us. Our New Traditions, Sanctuary and Contemporary worship services are available on our website.

## **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](mailto: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.

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## **Contact Us**

**Church Office:** 205.871.4695

**To Join:** [matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org](mailto:matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org)  
205.868.6590 x2327

**Pastoral Care Response Line:** 205.999.4887

# Order of Worship

**Voluntary**

Fugue in G Minor

J.S. Bach

## **Welcome and Announcements**

- \* **Processional Hymn 731**      Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken      AUSTRIA
- \* **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**

Cooper Thompson

## **Baptism**

Sadie Oakley Hayes and Camilla Jane Hayden

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 Sadie Oakley and Camilla Jane in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves to profess their 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 Sadie Oakley and Camilla Jane, 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 sisters 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 members of the family of Christ.**

## Anthem

Jubilate Deo

Sam Batt Owens

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands! Serve the Lord with gladness,  
and come before his presence with a song!  
Be ye sure that the Lord, he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;  
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
O, go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.  
Be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name,  
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.  
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.

## 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

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal  
Matt Cantor, Angel Baker, soloists

Sacred Harp, arr. Parker/Shaw

Hark, I hear the harps eternal, ringing on the farther shore,  
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.  
(Refrain): Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb! Glory to the great 'I Am!'  
And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,

Passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away. (Refrain)  
Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to the land of perfect rest,  
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest. (Refrain)

**\* 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.**

**\* Hymn 599**

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

**Scripture Lesson**

Daniel 6: 10-23

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

**Sermon**

Greatest Hits of the Bible: Daniel and the Lion's Den

Rev. Hill Carmichael

**\* Closing Hymn 368**

My Hope is Built

THE SOLID ROCK

**Reception of New Members**

David & Caroline O'Neal

**We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

**\* Dismissal & Blessing**

**\* Recessional Prayer**

Allen Harrell, cantor

**The flowers on the Sanctuary altar** are placed in honor of Catherine Collins Hutchinson & Martin Avery Duckworth, Jr. who were united in holy matrimony on June 8, 2024.

**Thanksgiving for the Life of**

Leon Faulkner (Ashlee Fulmer's grandfather).....May 31, 2024

## **PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM**

SADIE OAKLEY HAYES

January 16, 2024

Parents: Martha Lamar Hayes & Armstead Lester Hayes, IV

Sibling: Lucy Helen Hayes

Grandparents: Susan & Woody Lamar, Jennifer & Les Hayes, David & Lee Herman

Great-grandparents: Shirley Hayes

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CAMILLA JANE HAYDEN

February 15, 2024

Parents: Mary Margaret Hayden & Matthew Hayden

Grandparents: Phil & Deborah Hayden, Dr. Michael & Laurel Sampognaro, Pam Sampognaro

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## **Happening at Canterbury**

### **Fall Studies Preview & Fellowship Event | June 11 | 12 Noon & 6 PM**

Be in the know about what studies and offerings are coming this Fall and join us this Tuesday, June 11 to get all the details! Join us for a complimentary lunch at 12 Noon in the Renneker conference room - OR - join us for a complimentary dinner at 6 PM in Room M227. This will be a time to meet new people, learn about new studies, help plan and calendar the offerings as well as learn about leading a small group. Can't make it to church? A Zoom option will be available, the link will be sent out prior to the event. To reserve your spot, visit [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults). Please RSVP by June 6! Questions? Contact Annie Skinner at [annie.skinner@canterburyumc.org](mailto:annie.skinner@canterburyumc.org).

### **Legacy Luncheon | June 25 | 12 Noon**

Have you ever heard of Animal Assisted Therapy? Come learn about it and the amazing organization here in Birmingham that believes in the hope, healing, and unconditional love that only therapy animals and their handlers can provide. HAND IN PAW improves lives one wag at a time! Join us in Canterbury hall at 12 Noon on Tuesday, June 25 for lunch (\$5) and fellowship. Please RSVP by June 18 to Valerie Boyd at 205.874.1523 or [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org).

### **Use Your Noodle Volunteers Needed**

This is a four week high quality, creative summer enrichment camp that takes place at Avondale Samaritan Place. The program is open to students who have completed K, 1st, 2nd or 3rd grades and attend one of the 6 approved area elementary schools. UYN focuses on literacy, math and science in order to guide students toward a lifetime love of learning! Use Your Noodle needs adult volunteers to make this summer a success. You can help by assisting onsite with reading and art, or by preparing sack lunches. For ways to help: [www.canterburyumc.org/community/avondale-samaritan-place](http://www.canterburyumc.org/community/avondale-samaritan-place)

# 2024

CONGRATS!



Lauren Elaine Barksdale



Samuel Andrew Carroll



William Love Chambliss



Alice Mae Estes



Hartwell King Forstman



Nancy Carolynne Kent  
"Callie"



Allison Jane McAlister  
"Allie"



Gregory Scott Melville, Jr.



Sophie Jordan Thorn



Tyler Hayes Wadlington



Sarah Frances Walker



Collin Hunter Webb

**WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL OF OUR 2024 YAC GRADUATES!**

