



*be  
like  
jesus*



*sanctuary worship  
march 8, 2026  
third sunday in lent*

## Thank you for joining us!

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. Matthew Montgomery

**Pastor** - Dr. Rick Owen

**Youth Pastor** - Rev. Gann Waters - Wright

**Bishop in Residence** - Dr. Mike Watson

**Choirmaster and Organist** - Dr. Lester Seigel

**Crucifer** - Leigh Anne Precise | **Acolyte** - Charlie Brandenburg

## 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.

**Things to Know** - *Ask an usher for assistance!*

- *Listen Everywhere*, a bluetooth hearing app, is available as well as other hearing assist devices.
- The Children's Comfort Room is located adjacent to the Narthex, a quiet place for you and your child.

### Worship Online

#### Website

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

#### Facebook

[www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch](http://www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch)

#### YouTube

[www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC](http://www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC)

### 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 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).

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# Order of Worship

## Voluntary

Adagio in A Minor, BWV 564

J.S. Bach

## Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Bill Morgan

## \* Processional Hymn 586

Let My People Seek Their Freedom

EBENEZER

## \* 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

Margaret Louise Fall & Margaret Colley Griffin

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 Margaret Louise and Margaret Colley 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 these families now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Margaret Louise and Margaret Colley, 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.**

### **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.

### **Commissioning of Mission Team**

#### **Anthem**

Jesu, Grant Me This I Pray

CANTERBURY, arr. Kitson

Jesu, grant me this I pray, ever in Thy heart to stay; let me evermore abide hidden in Thy wounded side. If the evil one prepare, or the world a tempting snare, I am safe when I abide in Thy heart and wounded side.

If the flesh, more dangerous still, tempt my soul to deeds of ill, naught I fear when I abide in Thy heart and wounded side. Death will come one day to me; Jesu, cast me not from Thee: Dying, let me still abide in Thy heart and wounded side.

### **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**

My God is a Rock  
Daniel Seigel, solo

Spiritual, arr. Parker/Shaw

**\* 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 Processional 415**

Take Up Thy Cross, vv. 1, 2

GERMANY

**\* Gospel Lesson**

Luke 9: 18-27

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

**\* Gospel Processional 415**

Take Up Thy Cross, vv. 3, 4

GERMANY

**Sermon**

The Cost of Discipleship

Rev. Keith Thompson

**\* Closing Hymn 413**

A Charge to Keep I Have

BOYLSTON

**Reception of New Members**

**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**

Ted Clark, cantor

**Postlude**

**Thanksgiving for the Life of**

James Taylor (Freda Taylor’s husband).....March 1, 2026

**PRESENTED FOR HOLY BAPTISM**

MARGARET LOUISE FALL

October 1, 2025

Parents: Tate & Wesley Fall

Grandparents: Sharon & Michael Hall,

Louise & Frank Fall

Great-Grandparent: Irene Clemons

MARGARET COLLEY GRIFFIN

November 14, 2025

Parents: Sarah & Marshall Griffin

Grandparents: Kelly & Richard Kean,

Donna & Mark Griffin

Great-Grandparents: Judy Horton, Marilyn Kean

# *holy week at canterbury*



MONDAY  
*march 30*  
ALLIE MCALLISTER

TUESDAY  
*march 31*  
GANN WATERS-WRIGHT

WEDNESDAY  
*april 1*  
ELEANOR CHRISTIANSEN

## **Noon Services | March 30, 31 & April 1**

- 12 PM | Chapel

Join us Monday through Wednesday at noon in the Chapel for a brief time of reflection and worship. Each day will feature a different guest speaker as shown above.

## **Holy Week Seder Meal | April 1**

- 5 PM | Canterbury Hall

Don't miss this meaningful evening around the table for a special Seder meal - a celebration Jesus shared with his disciples. Through foods, scripture and storytelling, we'll explore the roots of the Last Supper and deepen our understanding of the journey toward Easter.

## **Maundy Thursday | April 2**

- 12 PM | Chapel

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper and you are invited to join us at noon to partake in this special time of remembrance.

## **Good Friday | April 3**

- 12 PM | Canterbury Center
- 6 PM | Chapel

On Good Friday, we remember the day that Jesus willingly suffered and died on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Two services will be held - a service of darkness led by our Contemporary Worship team at 12 PM in Canterbury Center, and a traditional Good Friday service in the Chapel at 6 PM.

# *easter at canterbury*



*sunday, april 5*

## **Sanctuary Worship**

8:15 & 10:30 AM

Sanctuary

## **Contemporary Worship**

8:15 & 10:30 AM

Canterbury Center

### **EASTER CROSSES**

The Easter crosses are placed in Martha's Garden each year to be adorned with spring flowers by you and your family! There are also several other crosses, like pictured above, placed at church entrances. These make for wonderful photo opportunities and will be great memories of a beautiful Easter celebration.

## *easter flowers*



To place a flower in memory of or in honor of a friend or loved one, complete this form:

Placed in Honor \_\_\_\_\_ Memory \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to Canterbury UMC for \$35 per flower.  
Return it with this form to the church office no later than Monday, March 23rd.  
Please use a separate form for each order.



You may also order your flowers online by scanning this QR code.

# *happening at canterbury*

## **Discovery Weekend | March 13-15**

Discovery Weekend is just around the corner! This is a retreat for all 7th-12th graders filled with meaningful talks, amazing worship, fun games, and more! Deadline to register is March 9. Register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth)

### **Get involved!**

- Be a Prayer Partner, email Eleanor Kerr at [eleanor.kerr@canterburyumc.org](mailto:eleanor.kerr@canterburyumc.org) to sign up.
- Attend the Prayer Service on March 14 at 7 PM.
- Come to Combined Worship in Canterbury Center on Sunday, March 15 at 10:30 AM.

## **Blessing of the Animals | March 15 | 3-4 PM**



Bring your furry friends to the Chapel lot for a joyful, come-and-go afternoon celebrating the pets we love. Enjoy interactive stations including a Blessing Station, Bandana Decorating, Treats, and a Picture Station to capture the

fun. Don't miss the "Claw-tillion." Dress up your pet and watch them shine as they're introduced by name and walk an astroturf "runway" complete with fire hydrants. Perfect for families, pet lovers, and anyone ready for a little extra joy!

## **UMW Annual Fern Sale | Now through April 1**



This fundraiser allows UMW to support mission and outreach projects in our community. There are three great selections to choose from – Boston, Kimberly Queen and Macho. Each fern is \$25. Place your order online by scanning the QR code. Pick up will be Saturday, April 11 from 8 AM-12 Noon at the Chapel drive through.

## **NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 15**

**There will be one combined worship service at 10:30 AM.**

**Join us in Canterbury Center as we celebrate our youth and wrap up Discovery Weekend!**

## **Women's Serve Night | March 17 | 6 PM**



If you go to Canterbury ... and if you are a woman... YOU are invited to this special night sponsored by the Encouragers Women's Groups. (Nursery Provided)

We'll share a meal and serve together in support of Grace House Ministries packing pajama and hygiene kits. Please RSVP FOR THE DINNER and donate funds for the needed items by scanning the QR code.

## **Outreach Easter Baskets | March 8-29**

Help make Easter happy for over 250 local children! This year our Easter Basket project will benefit kids at Pathways Women's Shelter, Avondale Samaritan Place and King's Home. Pick up an empty basket this morning near the Round Desk complete with instructions and a shopping list. Return baskets filled with goodies by or before March 29.

## **Easter Egg Hunt | April 4 | 10 AM**

Hop on over and join us for an Easter Egg Hunt full of springtime fun! Kids are invited to enjoy crafts, games, and a classic egg hunt - with plenty of colorful eggs and joyful surprises along the way. Don't forget to bring your basket and your best egg-hunting skills! It will be a sweet, simple celebration of Easter fun and community!