



# Sanctuary Worship

May 25, 2025



Canterbury  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## 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. 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](mailto: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](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*

**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](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 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**

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**Pastoral Care Response Line:** 205.999.4887

# Order of Worship

**Voluntary**

Oh, Stay with Us, Lord Jesus Christ

J.S. Bach

## 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

Dr. Rick Owen

## Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you forever,  
ev'n the spirit of truth.

## 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

God is my strong salvation: what foe have I to fear?  
In darkness and temptation, my light, my help is near.  
Though hosts encamp around me, firm in the fight I stand;  
what terror can confound me with God at my right hand?  
Place on the Lord reliance; my soul with courage wait.  
His truth be thine affiance when faint and desolate.  
His might thy heart shall strengthen, his love thy joy increase.  
Mercy thy days shall lengthen; the Lord will give thee peace.

\* 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 465

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine, vv. 1, 2

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Gospel Lesson

John 14: 23-29

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

\* Gospel Hymn 465

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine, vv. 3, 4

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Sermon

A Peace That Lasts

Rev. Hill Carmichael

\* Closing Hymn 431

Let There be Peace on Earth

WORLD PEACE

\* Dismissal & Blessing

\* Recessional Prayer

Ted Clark, cantor

**Congratulations**  
Alice “Ali” & Nelson Bean, Jr., are the proud parents of a baby boy, Nelson Straub Bean, III,  
born on May 7, 2025.

**Thanksgiving for the lives of**  
Diane Murphy (Dan Murphy’s mother).....May 14, 2025  
Sally Johnson (Sally Ann Morriss & Susan Johnson Lawrence’s mother).....May 16, 2025  
Nancy Beeler (John Beeler’s wife).....May 17, 2025

# Happening at Canterbury

## **Legacy Luncheon | May 27 | 12 Noon**

Join us for a very special luncheon with Dr. John Waits from Freedom Farm, homes for abused, abandoned, neglected and at-risk kids. Learn how this ministry is changing the lives of children and families by giving them the “freedom to soar.” Lunch is \$5. Canterbury Hall.

## **Summer Meal Series Returns | May 28**

A favorite UMW fundraiser is back! They’ve partnered with six of our area’s most popular and yummy restaurants to raise funds that will help support deserving not-for-profit organizations. Be sure to mention “Canterbury Fundraiser” when you check out so UMW will receive a portion of the proceeds. Join us for lunch or dinner on Wednesday, May 28 at URBAN COOKHOUSE in Crestline.

## **Adult Sunday Summer School | Begins June 1**

We will offer a Community Adult Sunday School class beginning June 1 in 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.

## **Disaster Response**

Join us in praying for those who were in the path of the tornadoes that tore across the central U.S. hitting Kentucky and Missouri. If you would like to provide financial aid, please make your check payable to Canterbury United Methodist Church with UMCOR-999895 in the memo line. You may deliver your check to the church office or drop it in the offering plate.

## **ENCOURAGERS Interest**

In 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. Sign up to be a part of it at: [bit.ly/43pCwfe](http://bit.ly/43pCwfe)

## **Kids Summer Camp & Events**

Register today for everything we have in store for your kids this summer! Sign up today at: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

## **YAC Summer Trips & Getaways**

- June 6-8 — Sr. High Lake Trip
- June 23-26 — Jr. High Adventure Trip
- July 13-18 — Magic City Work Week
- May 28 — Six Flags Getaway
- June 11 — Activate Getaway
- June 18 — Braves Game Getaway

Sign up: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#summer](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#summer)



**Women’s Health & Menopause Interest Survey** We’re exploring the possibility of hosting an event focused on all of the stages of menopause and what women of all ages can do to support their long term health. Please scan the QR code to share your valuable feedback. It will help us shape an event that will meet these needs.

# SUMMER WORSHIP

This summer at Canterbury, join us for worship at 8:15 AM in the Chapel for New Traditions\* or for a combined worship service at 10:30 AM.

*\* New Traditions will not be held on July 6.*

<b>June 1</b>	Contemporary Worship
<b>June 8</b>	Sanctuary Worship
<b>June 15</b>	Contemporary Worship
<b>June 22</b>	Sanctuary Worship
<b>June 29</b>	Contemporary Worship
<b>July 6 *</b>	Contemporary Worship
<b>July 13</b>	Sanctuary Worship
<b>July 20</b>	Contemporary Worship
<b>July 27</b>	Sanctuary Worship
<b>August 3</b>	Contemporary Worship
<b>August 10</b>	Sanctuary Worship



**Sundays | 9:30 AM | Wesley Hall**

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*Thank You for Joining Us Today!*