

Sanctuary Worship

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday after Easter



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



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

Children's Pastor - Rev. Ruth Grissom

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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Order of Worship

Voluntary

Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

* **Processional Hymn 400**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

* **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.*

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

Upon Your Heart

Eleanor Daley

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.
If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love;
Love one another as I have loved you, then shall your joy be complete.

* **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 Procession 331**

Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us, vv. 1, 2

FOR THE BREAD

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 19: 1 - 10

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God.

* **Gospel Procession 331**

Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us, vv. 3, 4

FOR THE BREAD

Homily

Table Matters: Dinner with Zacchaeus

Rev. Keith Thompson

Confirmation Overview

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith (Confirmation Class)

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
Reject the evil powers of this world, And repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

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 of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I do.

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I will.

The God of all grace, Who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
Establish you and strengthen you By the power of the Holy Spirit,
That you may live in grace and peace.

Baptism, Baptismal Remembrance and Confirmation

Reception Into Canterbury United Methodist Church

Commendation and Welcome

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 persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

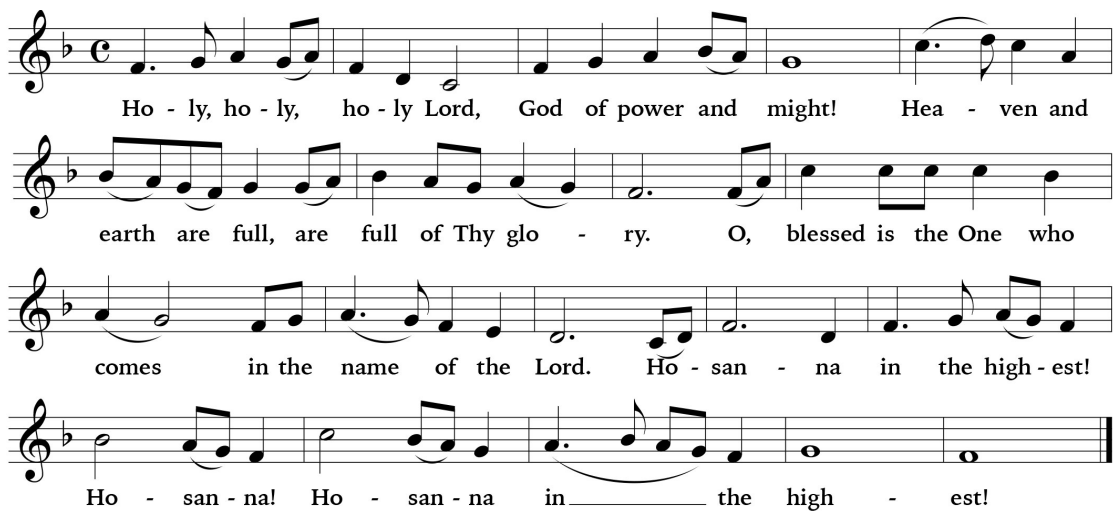
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you....

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might! Hea - ven and
earth are full, are full of Thy glo - ry. O, blessed is the One who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
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2024 Confirmation Class

Robert Bowen Albert	Henry Harper Dukes	Morgan Katharine McElroy
Louise Shelton Anderson	Catherine Louise Fountain	Addison Jane Powell
Mary Frances Austin	Susannah Blythe Goodrich	William Watson Riddle
Collier Louise Avery	Caroline Elizabeth Harpe	Elliott Brewer Schilleci
Berkley Page Barnes	Lily Marie Henderson	Elizabeth Kate Stewart
Christopher Lawrence Bond	Sara Elizabeth Hudson	William Luke Stracener
Samuel Walker Brien	Madelyn Rebecca Hussey	Butler Joseph Teague
Archibald Hill Carmichael, V	Charles Philip Little	Andrew Norton Thurston
Miller Cannon Chambliss	Zella Paige Martin	William Blake Trotter, Jr.
Caroline Ann Dabal	Michael Khristian McAlister, III	Caroline Key White

Happening at Canterbury

Retirement Love Offerings Canterbury UMC has a tradition of giving the congregation an opportunity to express their gratitude to retiring pastors by making a Love Offering. If you wish to make a donation toward a Love Offering for both Rev. Ruth Grissom and Rev. Sam Williamson, please send your check/checks to the Canterbury UMC Finance Office noting 'Love Offering – Pastor's Name' in the memo line. (Please note such gifts are not charitable contributions for tax purposes.) Thank you for your support of these wonderful pastors who have both served Canterbury with a deep love and commitment to our mission of real grace and real love in the midst of real life. Celebrations are being planned for both of these pastors. Once those plans are finalized, we will share the details with the congregation.

UMW Spring Meeting & Luncheon | May 6 | 10:30 AM Join us tomorrow at 10:30 AM in Wesley Hall! Guest speaker will be Michael Wilson, Executive Director of Avondale Samaritan Place. (\$17) You do not have to be a UMW member to attend! Email Susan Yarbrow at myarbro35223@yahoo.com to sign up.

Side by Side Community Chorus Spring Concert | May 14 | 2 PM This fantastic chorus will present "Peace, Love & Harmony" on May 14 at 2 PM in Canterbury Hall. From Louis Armstrong and the Beatles to Simon and Garfunkel, they'll bring tunes that you will love! Donations will benefit Avondale Samaritan Place.

YAC Summer Events | Register Now If your student hasn't signed up for Senior High Lake Trip, Jr. High BigStuf Trip or Mission Week, do so now! ALSO! Registration is open for other fun getaways including Six Flags, a Sr. High whitewater rafting trip, and a Braves game. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Vacation Bible Camp Volunteers Needed | June 10-13 (Mon-Thurs)

One of the most fun weeks of the summer is coming June 10-13 and kids@canterbury needs MANY adult volunteers to make VBC a SUCCESS! To sign up to be a volunteer or to register your children, visit: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children



Thank You for Joining Us Today!