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Sanctuary Worship

October 5, 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. 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 - *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 We strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us! Sunday worship services are available through:

Website

www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online

Facebook

www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch

YouTube

www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC

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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 quarterly 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. To set that up, contact the church office at 205-871-4695.

CONTACT US

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World Communion Sunday

Voluntary

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Bill Morgan

- * **Processional Hymn 100** God, Whose Love is Reigning o'er Us, vv. 1-3, 5

LAUDA ANIMA

- * **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.*

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father, break the bread and bless the cup: Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be: Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully. (Percy Dearmer)

- * **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 385**

Let Us Plead for Faith Alone, vv. 1-2

ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR

* **Gospel Lesson**

Luke 17: 5-10

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

* **Gospel Processional 385**

Let Us Plead for Faith Alone, vv. 3-4

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Sermon

Rev. Hill Carmichael

The Great Thanksgiving

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

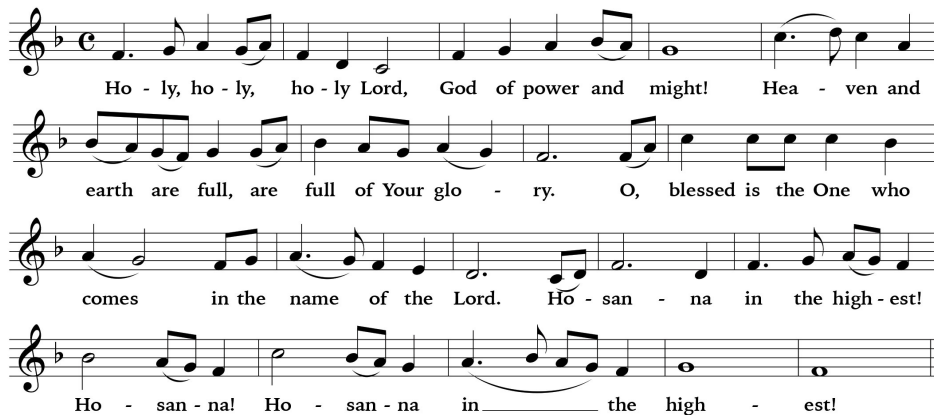
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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:



Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ ...

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here ...

... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.



And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray together:

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.

Fraction Anthem

Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus

Rebecca Bolding, cantor

Sung Refrain: **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Cup

Music During Communion

Thee We Adore

T. Frederick H. Candlyn

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee, who in thy sacrament art pleased to be;
Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail, yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.
O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to men doth here afford;
O may our souls forever feed on thee, and Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.
Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God, cleanse us, unclean, in thy most cleansing flood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.
O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be,
To gaze on thee unveiled, and see Thy face, the vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.
(Thomas Aquinas)

Bread of the World

EUCCHARISTIC HYMN

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken, adn in whose death our sins are dead:
Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be Thy feast to us the token that by Thy grace our souls are fed.

*** Dismissal & Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

World Communion Sunday, observed on the first Sunday of October, is a special day that celebrates our unity in Christ with Christians around the globe. Rooted in the United Methodist emphasis on an open table, this day reminds us that Holy Communion is not just for one congregation or denomination but a shared meal that unites the worldwide Body of Christ. We join with churches of many traditions to break bread and share the cup, symbolizing the call to peace, reconciliation, and community across all cultures and nations.

Happening at Canterbury

Germany & Poland | April 2026

Faith Pilgrimage - Join Rev. Tori Hastings and fellow Canterburians April 9-19 and follow the footsteps of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Reformation. For more info and to register for the trip: www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages/

Keith Thompson's Bible Study Sundays | 5:30 PM

You're invited to join this study, meeting every Sunday at 5:30 PM in Room M208. This ongoing study is currently focused on II Kings, offering a meaningful time of teaching and discussion. All are welcome. Registration is not required.

EngAGE Lunch & Learn | October 7 | 11:30 AM

Please join us for a FREE community lunch and learn with Canterbury's own Dr. Amanda Cartee! Over a delicious lunch, Dr. Cartee will guide us through the fascinating world of gut health and how it plays a vital role in our overall well-being. It will be held from 11:30-1:00 PM in Wesley Hall. Come hungry for both food and knowledge, bring a friend and join us! RSVP: valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org

Canterbury Book Club October 13 & November 10

Held on the 2nd Monday of the month from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. Bring your lunch and join in the discussion. For book titles and dates: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

4K Faith Milestone | October 19 | 9:15 AM

We are so excited to see you and your 4K kiddo on October 19 at 9:15 AM in the Small Dining Room. We will be learning about prayer and how it helps us feel connected to God's heart. So that we will be prepared with materials for your family, please RSVP: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

YAC Journey Retreat | November 21-23

Register now! Journey is November 21-23 at Shocco Springs in Talladega. This is a fall retreat for all 7th-12th graders, and friends are always welcome! Make sure to sign up soon! Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Christmas Village Toy Collection



Join us in gathering toys this fall for over 350 children during our Christmas Village at ASP on December 3 and 4! This QR code will take you to our Amazon list for you to buy directly OR shop local and support our community! We will also need your help during the event...keep your eyes open for more info!

An Opportunity to Enrich Our Worship

Sanctuary flowers are a meaningful way to honor a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or recognize the impact of a ministry within our church. Each dedication will be noted in the worship bulletin. To reserve your date, please email brittany.smith@canterburyumc.org.

A NOTE FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

If you haven't had the chance to make your 2026 pledge yet, it's not too late. Every gift, large or small, makes a difference and helps us move forward together as one church, connected and committed to God's work in our community and beyond. When you are ready to make your 2026 financial commitment, please visit: www.canterburyumc.org/giving



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