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Sanctuary Worship

September 7, 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. Nursery for other activities and church events can be provided. 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

- *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

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 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. Contact the church office at 205-871-4695 to set that up.

CONTACT US

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Pastoral Care Response Line: 205.999.4887

Order of Worship

Voluntary

Jesus Calls Us

Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome and Announcements

Eleanor Christiansen

*** Processional Hymn 545**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

Blessing of Third Grade Bibles

As your church family,

We rejoice that you have received this sacred gift from our church.

**We pray your Bible will help guide you in faith, comfort you in hardship,
nurture you in compassion and inspire you to change the world.**

*** 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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Come, Ye That Love the Lord

Sacred Harp, arr. Parker/Shaw

Come, ye that love the Lord, and let your love be known; join in a song of sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.

The sorrows of the mind be banished from this place; religion never was designed to make our pleasures less.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our song; but favors of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.

*** 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.**

The Lesson

Hebrews 10: 24-25

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

Sermon

Come. Connect. Commit: COME

Rev. Keith Thompson

The Great Thanksgiving

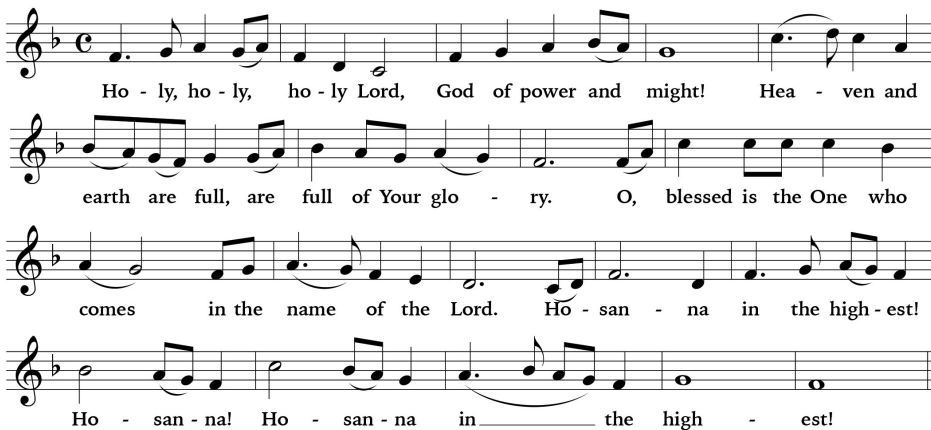
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Anthem During Communion Here, O My Lord Eleanor Daley

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all my weariness upon Thee lean.
Here would I feed upon the bread of God, here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load, here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.
This is the hour of banquet and of song; this is the heavenly table spread for me;
Here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong the brief, bright hour of fellowship with Thee.

* **Hymn 618** Let Us Break Bread Together LET US BREAK BREAD

* **Dismissal & Blessing**

* **Choral Benediction**

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in honor of the Traditional Worship Team and Altar Guild by Rick and Pat Owen.

Thanksgiving for the life of

Barbara Taylor (Paula Carter’s mother).....August 27, 2025

THIRD GRADE STUDENTS

Allie Akin	Hardy Giles	Andrew Manuel	Landry Sawyer
Margaret Blount	Eliza Hastings	Andy Morris	Hall Slaughter
Holland Bragiel	Annie Huber	Oliver Nader	Mac Smith
Bibb Clark	Robert Kohn	Jackson Noble	Henry Svarney
Barton Davis	Isabel Lumsden	Annie Norton	Robert Walker
Lane Fulmer	Ella Malloch	Fuller Patterson	Dupree Williams
Lucy Gearhart	Ann August Mann	Robert Peyton	

Happening at Canterbury

Communion Server Training Sanctuary & New Traditions Services TODAY | 11:30 AM

Join us for Communion Server Training today from 11:30-12:30 in the Sanctuary as we prepare and equip volunteers to serve during the Lord's Supper with reverence, care, and understanding. Whether you're new or seasoned in serving, your participation helps ensure a meaningful worship experience for our church family.

RISE Climbing Event | September 14

4th-6th graders... Let's go climb to new heights at the Hoover Climbing Adventure Complex on September 14. Drop off at 3:30 in the Chapel lot. Fee \$15, to cover climbing and pizza!

RSVP: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Legacy Luncheon | September 23 | 12 PM

Join us on September 23 for a very special and inspiring Legacy Luncheon as we welcome Dr. John Waits from Freedom Farm. RSVP by 9/18: valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org

Men's Breakfast | September 25 | 6:30 AM

Our quarterly Men's Ministry Breakfast will be held Thursday, September 25 at 6:30 AM in Canterbury Hall. Enjoy a great breakfast (\$12), wonderful fellowship, and words of inspiration. RSVP: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast

Grief Care | Begins October 1 | 12 Noon

When we lose someone we love, we embark on a journey not of our choosing. But it is a vital and sacred journey for grief just the same. This group serves as a means of self-care and shared community for persons in grief. Over the course of 6 weeks, we will listen, share and gain important tools in navigating our unique grief experiences. Led by Hill Carmichael on Wednesdays at 12 PM. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/care

Wednesday Adult Studies | 6-7 PM Session 2 Begins October 1

Missed a study from Session 1 you wanted to catch? We're running these same favorite studies again for Session 2!

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

- ACTS - Hill Carmichael
- JOHN - Rick Owen
- REVELATION - Keith Thompson
- JOB - Matthew Montgomery
- PSALMS - Mike Watson
- JAMES - Tori Hastings
- GENESIS - Eleanor Christiansen & Natalie Moon
- JONAH - Annie Skinner
- PAUL - Lisa Donnell & Team

Wednesday Dinner | Canterbury Hall | 5-6 PM

Come enjoy a great meal and connect with your church family before Bible study, kids and youth activities. Served in Canterbury Hall from 5-6 PM. Cash and card accepted.

9/10 Menu:

Adults: BBQ Pork Sandwich, slaw and beans

Kids: Pizza, fruit, dessert

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. By providing flowers for a worship service, you not only bring beauty to our Sanctuary but also share your joy or remembrance with the whole church family. Each dedication will be noted in the worship bulletin. To reserve your date and make a tribute through this thoughtful gesture, please email brittany.smith@canterburyumc.org or call 205-874-1521.



At Canterbury, we believe that transformation happens when we Come, Connect, and Commit. Coming means showing up—to worship, serve, and grow. Connection deepens our faith and relationships with God and one another, leading to true Commitment. Together, this Spirit-led cycle produces lives alive with faith and a church that shines with Christ's light through children's ministry, youth, and outreach.

Your continued financial commitments allow Canterbury to thrive in all the areas of ministry that truly make a difference in the lives of those around us. During the month of September, we ask that you be in prayer about what your time and financial commitment will be for Canterbury's ministries in 2026.

We also ask that you join us in worship on **Commitment Sunday, September 21**, when we will make our commitments together as a church and look with hope to where God is leading us in the coming year.

When you make that prayerful decision, please contact the Finance Office or easily enter your 2026 financial commitment online at:
www.canterburyumc.org/giving



Thank you for supporting your church and its mission through your faith and generosity!

