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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

* Please stand as you are able. **Congregation responds**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

William Davis

* Opening Hymn # 102

Now Thank We All Our God

Opening Prayer

Annabel Canterbury

* Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Musical Response

Freely, Freely
Combined Children's Choirs

Owens

Responsive Reading

Jacob McElroy

Leader: Will there be enough food to fill us up? Will there be enough time to worship? Will there be enough room to include us all?

People: With God there is always enough!

Leader: Will there be enough money to pay the bills? Will there be enough love for me? Will I have enough faith to get me through the tough times? Will there be enough?

People: With God there is always enough!

Leader: With God there is enough to give and to receive.

All: With God, there is always enough! Thanks be to God!

Musical Offering

Multiply
Combined Children's Choirs

Rambo

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

Mack Paul

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

* Doxology

* Gospel Reading

John 6: 1-14

Virginia Murphy

Leader: This is the word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Monologue

A Boy and His Lunch

Patrick Murphy

Meditation on the Word

More Than Enough

Jordan Kilgore

An Invitation to the Table

Emmaline Riddle

Today we celebrate the table of plenty. Even when we may feel excluded, Jesus invites us here. When we may feel deserted, Jesus welcomes us and prepares the meal. This is the table of plenty where the most ordinary harvest of grain and grape becomes a feast. This is the table of plenty. Come, all who hunger, come. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

People: Dear God, too much of our living this week was burdened by anxiety. We find it hard to trust that you will provide, or that what you provide will satisfy. We are blinded by what we have. We fear that we are in a time of scarcity, and lose our capacity to share. Forgive us for our clumsy grabbing.

All Pray in Silence

Leader: Hear the Good News. God's love will never run out. God's presence will never cease. God's grace will always be enough to provide what is missing in our lives.

The Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Keith Thompson & Jennings Winger

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, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
When Jesus spoke on a hillside and saw that the crowds were hungry he yearned to feed them.
When his disciples felt helpless in the face of so much need, Jesus trusted in you.
Gathering the few loaves, the few fish, he saw in them the unending fullness of your promise.
Jesus held them in your presence and asked your blessing upon them and with that blessing, he fed the multitudes.

In another time and place, at another table, Jesus took grain and grape and fed the generations as he said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
Then Jesus took the cup and said, "Drink from this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
And so today, we come together remembering that this is a table of plenty, and when we taste it, we have met God face to face because we have received abundance from little.
God, we ask you to pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world, the body of Christ redeemed by his blood. Make us one with Christ, one with

each other, and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen

Receiving Bread and Cup

Today, communion will be served by intinction. As you are led by our ushers, the servers will place a piece of bread in your cupped hand. You may take the bread and dip it lightly into the cup.

Music During Communion

Take Our Bread
Elementary Choir

Prayer After Receiving

Jennings Winger

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* Closing Hymn # 127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Williams

* Benediction

Alex Dabal

* Postlude

Elementary Choir:

Nathan Brown
Lilly Pierce Elliott
Abby Griffin
Brooks Hastings
Eliza Hastings
Harris Mizzell
Molly Moon
Elliott Patterson
Fuller Patterson
Robert Peyton
Adelaide Riddle
Emmaline Riddle
Adeline Rowan
Eloise Terry
Miller Terry
Amelia Warren
Mina Warren
Dupree Williams
Roland Rush Yates

Preschool Choir:

Madeleine Angeline
Mobley Bray
Harris Bray
Sara Stephen Elliott
Mary Margaret Fussell
Betsy Hatcher
Frances Herndon
Mosley Hicks
Annie Huber
Hudson James
Carlisle NeSmith
Samuel NeSmith
Adair Patterson
Whitley Peyton
Annie Sanders
Carlisle Somerall
Annie Terry
Joy Terry
Tidwell Yates

Ushers:

Mills Carmichael
Charlotte Davis
Peyton Rowan
Kat Winger
Baker Arendall
Liam Canterbury
Win Canterbury
Mahlon McElroy
Liv Brady
John Seymour

Communion Servers:

Allie Carter & Laura Carter
Betty Bond & Amanda Fuller
George Voltz & Ruth Grissom
Rich Littrell & Keith Thompson

Bulletin Cover Art:

Mary Barrett Fron, Age 9

- Choirmaster & Organist: Dr. Lester Seigel
- Directors of Children's Choirs: Angel Baker and Bella Baker
- Accompanist: Christina Lewis

Sunday School & Wednesday Night Teachers Needed... Join the 2024-25 Team!

We are so proud of the leadership our children have brought before God in worship today.

Their faith has been and continues to be fostered by amazing adult volunteers in Sunday School and on Wednesday nights. We are currently seeking Sunday School teachers and Wednesday night teachers for the 2023-24 school year and we need you to join our team! Enjoy reading the following notes from dedicated teachers who currently lead our children. If you are interested in joining the 2024-25 teaching team, please email Rev. Ruth Grissom at ruth.grissom@canterburyumc.org.

“ We serve in Children’s Ministry for a variety of reasons. Whether we are teaching Sunday School, Vacation Bible Camp, or helping in other capacities, we want to support our children and help them grow spiritually. When referring to “our children,” I don’t just mean our own biological children but all of our young members of our church family. These children are the future leaders of both our church and community, and it is important for us to take part in their spiritual foundation. Additionally, teaching these Sunday School lessons helps us learn them better and provides us unique perspectives by seeing these Bible lessons through the eyes of the children in our class. Serving in Children’s Ministry also supports and connects us to our church. When we joined the church, we promised to provide our gifts and our service, and contributing our time to Children’s Ministry allows us to give back to a church that has truly given us more than we could ever repay. Finally, volunteering has provided us with lifelong friendships with other adult volunteers and parents. It would not be honest if we were to say that serving in Children’s Ministry was purely out of obligation because it truly provides us with the gifts of strengthening our connections to God and the church.
– **Brea and Richard Rowan**

“ When we were first contacted regarding teaching 3k Sunday School and preschool Bible studies, we were excited for the opportunity to be involved in something so special and important for our daughter. Very soon, we realized the reach was so much larger than just a meaningful hour with our daughter. We have grown to know and love each and every child in our class. Watching their personalities and their understanding of Christ grow is more fulfilling than we could have ever imagined. Each week the lessons seem to click more and more and knowing that we will have a very small place in their faith journey is so much more impactful to us than any impact we could bestow on them. Teaching Sunday School is an invaluable way to serve our children and our church but also to grow in our personal faith and have lots of fun while doing so!
– **Rob and Camille Herndon**

“ Mathieu and I have had the pleasure of teaching Sunday school for several years. It’s very important to us to share God’s love with the children of Canterbury. Seeing the children interact with each other as they reflect on our weekly lessons is an incredibly rewarding experience.
– **Mathieu and Hannah Nader**

“ The freshness, the energy, the open minds! Jesus spoke of the young ones... let the children come to me and have faith like a child. What treasures we have in this church! To be a part of it is invigorating, and I leave with a smile after being with them. The parents are amazing. I remember as a young mother, Sunday could be the worst day in getting the children ready for church and hoping they would behave. Scenes of my girls “tap dancing” with their shoes on the pews in front of them and throwing a flashlight during the children’s minute because it didn’t work are a couple in my mind. When can I laugh about it, I would think - not now but later. Why did I think these small things mattered? Yes, these parents at Canterbury are absolutely amazing in bringing their children to church and sharing Bible stories with them at home. In Sunday School, I observe the four-year-olds looking at the illustrations in their Bible and asking questions. Using a felt board, they can tell the Bible story back to me as they meticulously put Jesus on the grass or in the sky. They are learning. When a child from Ukraine visited our class, the sponsor said she did not speak English. I replied, she can understand a smile, and she did. By the end of the class, she was joining in saying to each child that “God loves you.” I invite you to be a part of this growth at Canterbury even if you say - “Oh, I did that when my children were young”. Now may be the time for you!

- Rachel Fowler

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 - Elementary Director: Amanda Fuller, amanda.fuller@canterburyumc.org
 - RISE Ministry Director: Cooper Thompson, cooper.thompson@canterburyumc.org
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Vacation Bible Camp | June 10-13 (MON-THURS) VOLUNTEER TO HELP

Camp Firelight is coming to Canterbury in June! This is one of the most fun and exciting weeks of the summer and Kids@Canterbury needs MANY adult volunteers to make it a SUCCESS! Sign up to volunteer today by visiting:
www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Questions? Please contact Ruth Grissom
at ruth.grissom@canterburyumc.org.



Have you registered your children for VBC? A fun four days (Monday-Thursday) for all rising 4K – 5th grade children! Campers will experience the Bible stories through music, drama, games, arts and crafts, and science, as they learn ways to connect with and trust God. Our kids will go on an exciting journey where they'll learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, and know God is always with them. Register today: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Happening at Canterbury

Wednesday Night Outreach Session | May 1 | 6 PM

We've enjoyed this series of informative sessions on Wednesday nights at 6 PM in Room 226. The last one will be May 1 featuring Urban Ministries. For details and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

RISE Lock-in | May 3

RISE (5th-6th grade) kids get excited and get ready to spend a night at the church! We will have a blast... games and food and fun! Drop off at 6 PM on Friday, May 3, and pick up at 10 AM on Saturday, May 4. Go ahead and RSVP! Parents, we need you! Please help by chaperoning if you can. To register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Confirmation Sunday | May 5 | 10:30 AM

This has been a great year for our 7th graders as they have experienced Confirmation – a rite of passage where they've explored the tenets of faith, what it means to be a Christian and a United Methodist. They have taken ownership of their faith stories and have prayerfully considered the commitment they will make to Christ and the United Methodist Church. They will be confirmed in the 10:30 AM Sanctuary worship service next Sunday, May 5. Please join us in celebrating all of these students!

UMW Spring Meeting & Luncheon | May 6 | 10:30 AM

All are invited to the UMW spring meeting and luncheon that will be held on May 6 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! Please email Susan Yarbrow at myarbro35223@yahoo.com to sign up.

Side by Side Community Chorus Concert | May 14 | 2 PM

The Side by Side Community Chorus presents "Peace, Love and Harmony" on May 14 at 2 PM in Canterbury Hall. From Louis Armstrong and the Beatles to Simon and Garfunkel, they'll bring you nostalgic tunes that you will love singing along to! Donations are welcomed and will benefit Avondale Samaritan Place.

YAC Summer Events | Register Now

Summer is one of our favorite times at YAC, and we want your student to be a part of the Senior High Lake Trip, Jr. High BigStuf Trip & Mission Week! For info, dates and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Journeys of Paul Mediterranean Cruise | October 8-20

(Register by May 26 to avoid extra fees!) Join Rev. Tori Hastings, Canterbury pastors, and guest speaker Rev. Brian Erickson on a 10-night Mediterranean cruise, Journeys of Paul, October 8-20, 2024. Stops will include Cairo, Turkey, Santorini, Greece, Istanbul and more. For complete details and registration information: www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages