ORDER OF WORSHIP

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

9:45 A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

The bells ring three times to represent the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

WELCOME Rev. Nancy Harper

PRELUDE *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* arr. Michael Burkhardt

***HYMN NO. 278** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* ELLACOMBE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** 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** GREATOREX

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

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you,
All: And also with you.

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you,
All: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* arr. Shelton Ridge Love

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY** HAMBURG

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERMON Anticipation Rev. Tony Johnson
Scripture: John 12:12-19
Pew Bible NT 129

***HYMN NO. 280** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* ST THEODULPH

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Nancy Harper

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

***POSTLUDE** *Toccata on 'All Glory, Laud, and Honor'* arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Please stand as you are able.

Communion will be served in the prayer chapel after the 9:45 service.

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Musicians
Daniel deShazo, Minister of Music and Worship Arts
Walt Rogers, Organ
Kathy Wallace, Piano
Sanctuary Choir

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Acolytes & Crucifers
Hank Kessler Cathy Henry

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ALTAR & NARTHEX FLOWERS

In memory of Burt Linthicum on his birthday, given by Leslie Linthicum
In memory of Burt Linthicum, given by Friends in Christ

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Shipley's donuts are sponsored by the Ages & Stages Sunday School Class

WELCOME

We're so glad that you've chosen Riverchase UMC today where our mission is to Share the Joy of Christ. If you'd like to know more about Riverchase UMC we invite you to visit our website at Riverchaseumc.org or email Ruth Howald at RuthH@riverchaseumc.org. If you'd prefer to talk to someone then feel free to call the church office at 205-987-4030.
If you're looking for a new church to call home, we encourage you to be our guest for several weeks before deciding, so you get a good feel for who we are and what we're about.
We hope you enjoy your experience today at Riverchase UMC where we exist to Share the Joy of Christ.

Tony

NURSERY

Beginning with our youngest friends, at 6 weeks old, and ending with 2-year olds, we begin laying the foundations of faith with song, dance, bubbles, laughter, and love! Our nursery workers are happy to provide a safe, loving, and secure nursery for your child from 9:45 AM - 12:15 PM.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each Sunday at 9:45 AM, children (3K to 5th grade) explore the Bible through interactive lessons, stories, crafts, games, and hands-on learning in Riverchase's Sunday School classes for children. These engaging lessons assist parents in providing a foundation of faith.

Parents must check children in and out of classrooms. Look for our Children's Ministry Assistants on Sunday morning to help you find your child's classroom.

Children's Sunday School Schedule
9:35-9:45 AM - Drop off in Sunday School Classroom
9:50 AM - All classes gather in the Children's Worship Center for Large Group
10:10 AM - All classes return to their classrooms for Small Group
10:45 AM - Pick up in Sunday School Classroom

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For all upcoming events please visit
www.riverchaseumc.org/news/

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday – March 28, 2024
6:30 PM – Scripture and Music service with Communion. Everyone is welcome to receive Communion in the United Methodist Church. All are welcome!

Good Friday – March 29, 2024
6:30 PM – Somber service incorporating the Passion of Christ and Special Music. We will be stripping the altar at the conclusion and leaving in silence

Easter Sunday – March 31, 2024
Traditional Worship – 9:45 & 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary
Modern Worship – 11:00 AM in the Gym
Live streaming will be available for each service.

Community Events
Weekday lunch services
Hosted by Christ the King Lutheran Church. 12:00 PM service followed by 12:30 PM lunch. Friday's service will include Communion.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service – March 31, 2024
6:30 AM at Riverchase Country Club.

Sponsor Sunday Donuts

We all enjoy a good donut from time to time! We would like to extend an opportunity for you, your class or small group to sponsor Shipley donuts on Sunday. You can have them dedicated as well. We will run the sponsorship or dedication in the bulletin. The cost is $200.

Sunday School & Life Groups

Riverchase continues to offer a wide selection of Sunday School classes and Life Groups for all ages and walks of life. We welcome all to find a home and a group to be a part of.

New Class Connections - 8:30 AM
Connections is a new Sunday School Class that meets at 8:30 AM in Room 10, the "fishbowl" room just down the steps in the Welcome Center. Our class is designed for a wide age range of "empty nesters" who want to build connections and deepen relationships! For more information contact Lea Ann Chadwick at mrschadwick15@gmail.com.

New Young Adults Life Group
A new group dedicated to young adults, primarily in their 20's & 30's. We meet every 1st week of the month for a social outing and every 3rd week of the month for a more focused dinner and discussion. We also have a meeting time and spot on Sunday mornings for fellowship, at 9:45 AM in Rooms 104/105. Contact Lee Hood at leehood5@gmail.com for more info.

Riverchaseumc.org Window Decals

Our new window decals are available in the Welcome Center for $1.

For a current list of all prayer concerns visit
www.riverchaseumc.org/prayers/

WAYS TO GIVE

CASH OR CHECK
You can always give to Riverchase by cash or check. We have a time of giving during each service, you can bring your gift to the church office, or you can mail your gift to:

Riverchase UMC
Attn: Mary Anne Levet
1953 Old Montgomery Hwy
Birmingham, AL 35244

YOUR BANK'S ONLINE OPTIONS
Many banks now offer online bill payment services. These can be set up for one-time giving or for regularly scheduled gifts; each system is different but you can use the street address above and/or these email addresses: maryannel@riverchaseumc.org or finance@riverchaseumc.org. If you'd like to use this option and need more information from us, please contact Mary Anne Levet.

TEXT-TO-GIVE
Our text giving number is (833) 273-1232. Text the word BUDGET and an amount, the word BLDG (for the building fund) and an amount, or the word MISSIONS and an amount to the same number. You can make multiple gifts with a single text by sending, for example, BUDGET 100 BLDG 50 MISSIONS 50 to (833) 273-1232.

ON-LINE GIVING:
We have several options: ENGAGE, PayPal, and Venmo. Scan one of the QR codes below, or use one of these links/websites:
riverchaseumc.org/engage OR engage.suran.com/rumcal
YOU CAN GIVE THROUGH ENGAGE WITHOUT CREATING AN ACCOUNT.
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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