ORDER OF WORSHIP

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023

9:45 & 11:00 A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

WELCOME Rev. Nancy Harper

PRELUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. Bennett and Berry

***HYMN 159** *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed 9:45 Rev. Nancy Harper 11:00 Rev. John Ray

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 Daniel deShazo

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

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Children's Church (11:00) Children ages 3 years old - kindergarten are invited at this time to go with our Children's Ministry leader to Room 160. Please make sure your children are wearing their name tags.

PASTORAL PRAYER 9:45 Rev. Nancy Harper 11:00 Rev. John Ray

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 *Hear My Prayer* arr. Moses Hogan
Sanctuary Choir

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY** OLD 100TH

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 Things – Rev. Tony Johnson

...that are impacting your eternal future.
...that you can't afford to get wrong.
...and you may not even know it!
Scripture: Matthew 25:35-40
Pew Bible NT 35

***HYMN NO. 472** *Near to the Heart of God* McAFEE

NEW MEMBERS (9:45) Daniel & Lacey deShazo
Ruth Ann Wutschke
(11:00) Chip & Mallory McDonough

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
Hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.

***POSTLUDE** *Now Thank We All Our God* Karg-Elbert

*Please stand as you are able.

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

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Daniel deShazo, Director of Music and Worship
Vic Thompson, Organ
Kathy Wallace, Piano
Sanctuary Choir

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Acolytes & Crucifers
9:45 Judy Hershey
11:00 Clark French

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ALTAR & NARTHEX FLOWERS

In honor of the 57th anniversary of Leslie and the late Burt Linthicum, given by their daughters Karen (James) Whittington and Sharon (Brian) Sanders, grandchildren, and great grandchildren

In memory of Pete Bullock, given by friends in Christ

SYMPATHY

To Marilyn Kastory on the death of her grandson, Billy Eyster
To David, Hunter & Rachel Medlock on the death of David's wife & Hunter & Rachel's mother, Olisa Medlock

BIRTH

Congratulations to Kay & David Taggart on the birth of their 6th grandchild, Rylan Phillips Conner

ANNOUNCEMENT

There is a Board of Stewards meeting today at 2:00PM in the Sanctuary

WELCOME

We're so glad that you've chosen Riverchase UMC this morning where our mission is to Share the Joy of Christ. We hope you'll stay after the 8:30 and 9:45 services and enjoy free coffee and donuts in our Welcome Center.

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, 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 8:30 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

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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