

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

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

SPRC ANNOUNCEMENT

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Robert Hobby

*HYMN NO. 569

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

MESSAGE

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 MINISTRY BIBLE PRESENTATION

*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.*

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

"HIS VISION, OUR MISSION" SPEAKER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Nancy Harper

OFFERTORY

Lord, I Know I've Been Changed
Sanctuary Choir
Kayla Smith, Soloist

arr. Bruce Moore

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

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.

OLD 100TH

SERMON

Forgiveness

Rev. John Ray

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

Pew Bible NT 24

*HYMN NO. 593

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

*POSTLUDE

A Rejoicing

Charles Callahan

*Please stand as you are able.

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

Daniel deShazo, Director of Music and Worship

Walt Rogers, Organ

Kathy Wallace, Piano

Sanctuary Choir

Kayla Smith, Soloist

Acolytes & Crucifers

Bill Lawrence

9:45

ALTAR & NARTHEX FLOWERS

In Memory of John and Alice Everage, given by Friends in Christ

In Memory of Herman Faulk, given by Friends in Christ

In Memory of Sarah Ellen Gaissert, given by Friends in Christ

BIRTH

Congratulations to Muriel Raymo on the birth of her new granddaughter,
Norah Noelle Raymo

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a going away reception for Scott Barnes in the Welcome Center on Sunday, September 24 after the 9:45 service.

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:

marvannel@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.

paypal.me/RiverchaseUMC

Use the PayPal app to send money to @RiverchaseUMC

Use the Venmo app to send money to our Charity account

@RiverchaseUMC



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