ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 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 *Aria* Paul Manz

***HYMN NO. 400** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed 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 Rev. Tony Johnson

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Dan Forrest
Sanctuary Choir
Catherine Bates, Horn

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 Living the Story ...Through Community Rev. Tony Johnson
Scripture: Acts 2:42-47
Pew Bible NT 145

***HYMN NO. 140** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

***NEW MEMBERS** Victor & Barbara Gajewski

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Tony Johnson

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

***POSTLUDE** *Toccata on 'Nettleton'* Albert Travis

*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
Walt Rogers, organ
Kathy Wallace, piano
Sanctuary Choir
Catherine Bates, Horn

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Acolytes & Crucifer
Judy Hershey

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ALTAR & NARTHEX FLOWERS

In memory of Denny LaVercombe, given by Friends in Christ
In memory of Margaret Anne Lewis, given by Friends in Christ

SAVE THE DATE

We will have an Ash Wednesday service on February 14, 2024,
at 6:00PM in the Sanctuary

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:

SECURITY & SAFETY SEMINAR ON JANURAY 31

Presented by Alan Cohen with the Hoover Police Department
January 31, 2024 at 5:00PM in Riverchase B
He will offer a 30-minute presentation and then take questions for 30 minutes, focusing on best practices for RUMC members. This is not how to use firearms, how to tackle someone, or how to improve security at your house; this is intended to raise your awareness of safety concerns and what the proper response should be on our campus. Reservations are not required, just show up.

RUMC LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

Yes- it *is* time to begin writing for RUMC's 2024 Lenten Devotional Booklet! This may be our most eagerly anticipated publication, and we are pleased to announce this year's theme-

Rejoice in The Lord Always!

People want to begin reading on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, so you have only January to write and submit your piece, and we need 46!
Simply follow these guidelines: • Include your name, title, & selected scripture, add your personal story, and a brief prayer • Keep all of this to one, typed page or less. • E-mail it to: nancyh@riverchaseumc.org. We are excited to read your devotional experiences and stories that point to the Power of our God!

OPEN PICKLEBALL SESSIONS – THURSDAYS 3-7PM

RUMC is now offering open Pickleball Sessions in our gym. We are going to make the first two hours more for beginners and the last two hours for anyone. The more advanced players (and you know who you are :-)) can start to show up around 4:30 and, providing that there is/are available courts (which, with the number of beginners, likely will be the case), can start playing then. However, the early session (beginners) will have priority on the courts until 5:00 if there are more beginners there than there are courts. Beginners can stay past 5:00 and continue to play as we are today. We just realized the need to offer some dedicated time to the people who are still learning the game. Contact Mark Bourgoin at umaine@bellsouth.net with any questions. No reservations are required and there will be no cost to play. Equipment will be provided should you need it. See you on the courts!

DISCOVERY WEEKEND 2024- FEBRUARY 2-4

Registration is open today! All middle school and high school youth are welcome to attend. For more information or to register go to riverchasestudents.com/discovery-weekend/

VOLUNTEER FAIR ON FEBRUARY 11

Join us for our Volunteer Fair on February 11th in the Welcome Center, between the 9:45 and 11:00AM services. Come learn of the awesome opportunities where you can connect and serve in our church!
Activities include:
•"Volunteer Speed Dating" – stations for people to visit and get more information on specific volunteer work/ministries.
•Snacks and drinks
•DOOR PRIZES!- Every time you sign up for something new, you earn a ticket and a chance to win a gift card!

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.
paypal.me/RiverchaseUMC
Use the PayPal app to send money to @RiverchaseUMC
Use the Venmo app to send money to our Charity account @RiverchaseUMC

RIVERCHASE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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9:45 A.M.

Our mission is to make disciples by Sharing the Joy of Christ!

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