

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

9:45 a.m.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

WELCOME Daniel deShazo

PRELUDE *Lord, Here Am I* arr. Humber/Carnes

***HYMN NO. 64** *Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAEA

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

Leader: The Lord be with you,

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“HIS VISION, OUR MISSION” SPEAKER Dave Roberts

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *Steal Away* arr. Patrick Quigley Dupre
Sanctuary Choir, Dee Hammer; soloist

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 Sometimes I Like Bad News Rev. Tony Johnson

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:8

Pew Bible NT 41, 143

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

People: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen,

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 have made from one every nation and people to live on all
the face of the earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth
and to make disciples of all nations,
and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, 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.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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.

By your Spirit 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 Father, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

***HYMN NO. 431** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* WORLD PEACE

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

***POSTLUDE** *Largo* G.F. Handel

* Please stand as you are able.

 Musicians
 Daniel deShazo, Director of Music and Worship
 Walt Rogers, Organ
 Kathy Wallace, Piano
 Sanctuary Choir
 Dee Hamner, Soloist

 Crucifer
 9:45 Bill Allen

ALTAR & NARTHEX FLOWERS

In celebration of Roy Tofflemire's birthday, given by Sandi Raley
 In memory of Elizabeth and Elbert Roberts, given by Joel and Dianne Roberts
 In honor of Cyndi's mother, Gerry Moody, on her 97th birthday, given by Harris
 and Cyndi Wheeler

SYMPATHY

To Gary & Sarah Sides on the death of Gary's sister, Sue Edwards

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 NEW NUMBER

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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