ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 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 *Nearer, My God, to Thee* arr. Westenkeuhler

HYMN NO. *545 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

ANTHEM *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* ST. BRENDAN'S
Children's Choir, Jessica Kaufhold, director

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. Nancy Harper

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 *With a Voice of Singing* Martin Shaw
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 Making Dreams Come True Rev. Tony Johnson
Scripture: 2 Kings 2:2-15
Pew Bible OT 412

HYMN NO. *528 *Nearer, My God, to Thee* BETHANY

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God to thee;
Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

***POSTLUDE** *Postlude on 'Foundation'* arr. Charles Callahan

*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
Children's Choir
Jessica Kaufhold, Children's Choir Director

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Crucifer
Bill Allen

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ALTAR & NARTHEX FLOWERS

In celebration of our 55th wedding anniversary,
given by Judy and Rick Hershey
In honor of our wonderful music ministry,
given by Grady and Phyllis Stone
In celebration of the 20th wedding anniversary of Shea and Todd Brazil, given by their daughter, Kate, and Pam and Richard Brazil

SYMPATHY

To the family and friends of Helen Hyde.

STAFF UPDATE

We welcome Kayla Smith to our RUMC staff. Kayla and her family have been part of our church and choir for a little over a year. She will be handling hospitality and engagement. Please welcome her!

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a Board of Stewards meeting and Charge Conference on November 5, 2023 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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