ORDER OF WORSHIP

World Communion Sunday

October 6, 2024

9:45 & 11:00A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. Charles Callahan

***HYMN NO. 547** *O Church of God, United* ELLACOMBE

WELCOME Rev. Tony Johnson

MEET & GREET

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ANNOUNCEMENTS 9:45 Rev Reid Turner
11:00 Rev. Nancy Harper

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

Today's communion offering will be donated to those effected by Hurricane Helene

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *Come By Here* arr. Kyle Penderson
Martez Tidwell, 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 It Matters ...Communion and Baptism Explained
Baptism Rev. Tony Johnson
Scripture: Matthew 26:26-30
Pew Bible: NT 36

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CONFESSION AND PARDON Rev. John Ray

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 Rev. Nancy Harper

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 juice.
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.

Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world,
and strengthen it in every nation and among every people
to witness faithfully in your name.

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. 435** *O God of Every Nation* LLANGLOFFAN

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Tony Johnson

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.

***POSTLUDE** *Festive Trumpet Tune* David German

*Please stand as you are able.

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Musicians
Jessica Kaufhold, Children's Music Director
Walt Rogers, Organ
Kathy Wallace, Piano
Sanctuary Choir
Martez Tidwell, Soloist

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Acolytes & Crucifers
9:45 Luke Bridges & Sam Wheat
11:00 Luke Bridges & Clair Cairnes Vic Thompson

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of Elizabeth and Elbert Roberts, given by Joel and Dianne Roberts
To the Glory of God and in Honor of the choir, given by Eva and Vic Thompson

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good donuts are in honor the RUMC Sanctuary Choir given by Barbara Gajewski

BIRTH

The rosebud on the altar is in honor of Quinn Tolbert, granddaughter of Craig and Kristi Tolbert.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

We are in need of help in the following areas:

Welcome Desk Helpers

Welcome and provide answers and assistance to visitors of our church.

Galleria Woods Bus Driver

Transport members to and from Galleria Woods for Sunday services. No CDL license needed.

Please contact Cathy Hayhurst in the church office if interested in volunteering.

WELCOME

We're so glad that you've chosen Riverchase UMC today where our mission is to Share the Joy of Christ. 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 then 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 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
10:10 AM - All classes return to their classrooms for Small Group
10:45 AM - Pick up in Sunday School Classroom

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For all upcoming events please visit
www.riverchaseumc.org/news/

Backpack Ministry

New Time for today only 2:30-4:00PM

2025 Flower Dedication Sign Up

It is time to sign up for 2025 Flower Dedications! Two arrangements are available each Sunday to celebrate, honor or memorialize something and/or someone special to you. Please signup in the Welcome Center today.

Block Party Today 4:00-6:00

There is fun for EVERYONE. Live music, corn hole tournament, pumpkin carving, face painting, free food, inflatables, and more! This is a rain or shine event. We hope you will bring a blanket or chairs and join us as we celebrate our community.

Riverchase Men presents – Table Time

Tuesday October 15th at 6:30pm
Amigo's Mexican Grill in Lorna Brook Village
You will need to register for each event as there will be a maximum allowed each time. Register at www.riverchaseumc.org/event/table-time/

For a current list of all prayer concerns visit
www.riverchaseumc.org/prayers/

WAYS TO GIVE

ENGAGE

Engage is a safe and secure on-line giving portal that integrates with our church management system. You can reach Engage at https://engage.suran.com/rumcal/.

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

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