

ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

9:45 A.M.

*on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a sweet foretaste
in the trial of death!*

ALTAR & NARTHEX FLOWERS

In memory of Harold Morgan Jr., her nephew, given by Lila Parks

In memory of Wiley Wood, given by Carol Wood

In celebration of Beverly Fritz, given by De Rice

SYMPATHY

To the family & friends of Ann Johnson, Charter member of RUMC

To Mike & Lynn Coffey on the death of Mike's sister, Christine Coffey

To Rick & Lane Fletcher on the death of Lane's mother, Kathryn McWhorter

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

WELCOME

Rev. Nancy Harper

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy
Riverchase Chancel Ringers

arr. Michael Helman

***HYMN NO. 269** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* LAND OF REST

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Tony Johnson

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you,

All: And also with you.

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,

Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,

till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

ANTHEM

Ah, Holy Jesus
Riverchase Chancel Ringers

arr. Sandra Eithun

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

Ave Verum Corpus
Sanctuary Choir; Serghei Tanas, Violin

W.A. Mozart

English Translation:
*Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed*

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

HAMBURG

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

Dead Man Walking -
... or so they thought!

Rev. Tony Johnson

Scripture: Matthew 21:18-22

Pew Bible NT 28

*HYMN NO. 277

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

STORIES OF JESUS

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*BENEDICTION

Rev. John Ray

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

*POSTLUDE

O Worship the King

arr. Whitworth

*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

Vic Thompson, organ

Kathy Wallace, piano

Riverchase Chancel Ringers; Gilda Wilkerson, Director

Sanctuary Choir

Serghei Tanas, violin

Acolytes & Crucifer

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 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:

VOLUNTEER FAIR CARRYOVER ON FEBRUARY 18

Join us for our Volunteer Fair on February 18th 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!

RUMC TEXTING UPDATES

We are thrilled to announce a significant enhancement to our communication strategy! As part of our ongoing efforts to stay connected with our congregation and keep everyone informed, we are introducing a new texting platform that will serve as a valuable tool for sharing general information, announcements, and emergency updates.

To Opt-In

Text "connectrumc" to (833) 324-7006 to opt-in

This communication method will not replace any existing communications we currently utilize. It will be utilized for timely notifications for upcoming events, important announcements, and emergency alerts. There will be more features to come as well. Opting out of this service is possible, if for any reason you would like to stop receiving text messages.

We look forward to connecting with you even more!

ADULT AND YOUTH ART CLASSES START IN FEBRUARY

Join us for 10 classes with Svetlana Bel. Svetlana is a classically trained artist with a Master's in Art Education from the University of Florida. She has taught in the Hoover area for years. You will enjoy her enthusiastic and friendly approach as she increases your confidence and guides you to produce beautiful art!

Our classes will be Tuesday evenings in the Choir Room from 6:00 to 8:00:

- February 13, 20, 27
- March 5, 12, 19
- April 9, 16, 23
- May 7

The cost for the classes is \$275 and includes all supplies! Youth from 5th grade up are welcome - some art experience is preferred in that age group.

Painting with acrylics will be a centerpiece, but Svetlana will spend some of the first class surveying us about what we would like to do.

We will have an Art Show in the Welcome Center at RUMC. This is scheduled for Sunday, May 12, during and after morning worship services.

To enroll or to ask questions, email Kathy Wallace at KathyW@riverchaseumc.org

GIRL POWER- MARCH 3

Girl Power is a class developed to help girls ages 8-12 years old learn about the natural changes their bodies are going through during the adolescent years. This seminar is a fun, laid-back environment with a focus on self-care and empowering young girls to take pride in themselves and embrace the changes of puberty. Each girl is required to have a female relative or friend present for the class.

Class Led By: Lisa Carboni, RN, IBCLC with a background in women's health, labor and delivery, and community education

March 3 2:00-4:00PM in the Fireside Room \$10 Charge due at the event.

For more information and to register go to: www.riverchaseumc.org/event/girl-power/

Tried-N-True Consignment Sale - February 25 - March 1

Tried-N-True Consignor & Volunteer registration is now open! Tried-N-True is a fundraiser of the Day School that not only provides so much for the school but RUMC as well. Funds from TNT have replaced church kitchen equipment, playground equipment, assisted in needs for the Women's Retreat, and VBS, along with so many other amazing organizations in our community. We hope you are able to donate your time by volunteering, consigning, and/or shopping. To learn more, go to : www.riverchase-tnt.com

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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Use the PayPal app to send money to @RiverchaseUMC

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