ORDER OF WORSHIP

Seventh Sunday After The Epiphany

February 23, 2025

9:45 & 11:00 A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *Ring Alleluia* Howard F. Starks
Riverchase Handbells, Jessica Kaufhold, Director

***HYMN NO. 698** *God of the Ages* NATIONAL HYMN

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Romans 8:35, 37-39 Rev. John Ray

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

People: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! 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.

Children's Church (11:00 only): Children ages 3 years old – 1st grade are invited at this time to go with our Children's Ministry leader to Room 160. Please make sure your children are wearing their name tags. We will not have Children's Church on the 1st Sunday of the month.

WELCOME Rev. Tony Johnson

MEET & GREET Rev. Tony Johnson

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

ANTHEM *Here I Am, Lord* arr. Sandra Eithun

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

PASTORAL PRAYER (9:45) Rev. Reid Turner
(11:00) Rev. Nancy Harper

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.

HYMN NO. 408 (v.1,3) *The Gift of Love* GIFT OF LOVE
(Please remain seated)

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *Let All The World In Every Corner Sing*
Ralph Vaughn Williams

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.
The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.
The Church with Psalms must shout, no door can keep them out:
But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON Worn But Worthy... Rev. Tony Johnson
Embracing our Imperfections
Scripture: Ezekiel 37: 1-14
Pew Bible: OT 987

***HYMN NO. 593** *Here I Am, Lord* HERE I AM, LORD

During this hymn, we invite you to be in a time of prayer. If so led, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to pray.

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Tony Johnson

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

***POSTLUDE** *God of the Ages* arr. Karen Ford

*Please stand as you are able.

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Musicians
Daniel deShazo, Minister of Music and Worship Arts
Walt Rogers, Organ
Kathy Wallace, Piano
Sanctuary Choir
Riverchase Handbells, Jessica Kaufhold, Director

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Acolytes & Crucifers

9:45	Noah Hutchison	Clark French
11:00	Noah Hutchison	Steve Halsey

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Wiley Wood, my son, given by Carol Wood
In acclamation of the vital support provided by our church office volunteers!

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good donuts are in appreciation of Jeff Wallace, by his Bible Study Class

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Starting on March 2 the 9:45AM traditional service will move to 9:30AM

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.

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:

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

Vespers Service, March 2 at 5:00PM in the Upper Room

Join us for a night of worship for our Vespers service. We'll join together as a church for a quiet and reflective evening of worship.

Ash Wednesday, March 5

Drive-Through Ashes from 6:30AM to 8:00AM at the upper level MFA covered entrance.
Worship with Imposition of Ashes at 6:00PM in the Sanctuary.

Open Prayer During Lent

The Sanctuary will be open for prayer every Wednesday from 8 AM - 12 PM during Lent. Starts March 5 - Ash Wednesday.

Starting Point 101 - March 2nd (DATE CHANGE)

Interested in learning more about Riverchase? Join us for Starting Point 101 to learn everything you need to know about our church family! 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM in Room 188. Please register online. The next Starting Point will be May 18th.

Looking Ahead

- Daylight Savings Time on March 9, Spring Forward
- Great Day of Service is April 12
- Easter Services: April 20, 8:00AM, 9:30AM and 11:00AM

Volunteer Opportunities

Please stop by the Welcome Desk today to hear about some of the wonderful volunteer opportunities we have, not just on Sundays, but throughout the week.

We Are Hiring!

We are currently looking for good people to fill several full and part-time positions.

- RSM is seeking an Assistant Youth Minister. This position would report directly to Seth Moon.
- Our Nursery has 2 Nursery Attendant Openings.
- Our Traditional service needs Tech help on Sunday Morning.

To find out more about these positions got to:
www.riverchaseumc.org/careers/

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. Payments can be set up as a one-time gift or to recur (weekly, semi-monthly, monthly, quarterly), can be made either from a credit card or a bank account, and can be made "as a guest" without creating an account. 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

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:
engage.suran.com/rumcal
paypal.me/RiverchaseUMC
Use the PayPal app to send money to @RiverchaseUMC
Use the Venmo app to send money to our Charity account @RiverchaseUMC

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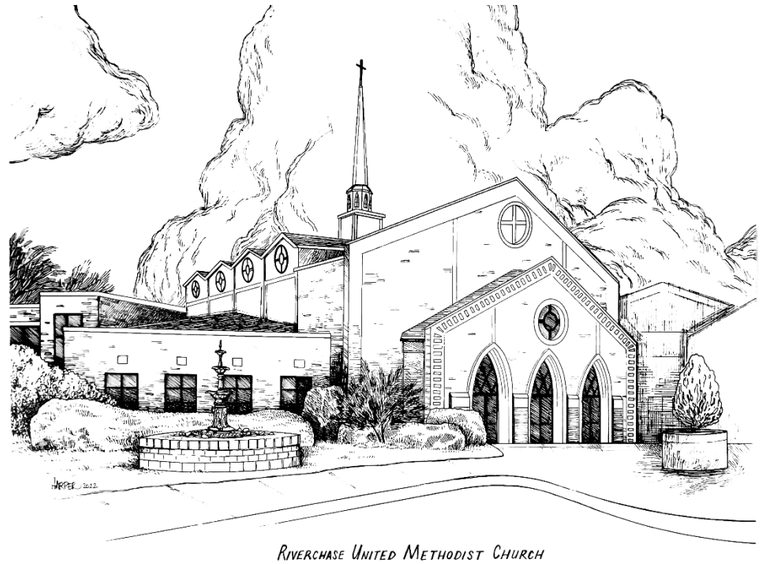

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Our mission is to make disciples by Sharing the Joy of Christ!

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