ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

11:00 A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

WELCOME Rev. Nancy Harper

PRELUDE *Were You There?* arr. Lloyd Larson

***HYMN NO. 292** *What Wondrous Love is This* WONDROUS LOVE

***MODERN AFFIRMATION** Rev. John Ray

We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE Daniel deShazo

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.

Children's Church: Children ages 3 years old - kindergarten 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. John Ray

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 *"God so loved the world."*

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Nancy Harper

OFFERTORY *In the Shadow of the Cross* Susan & Lee Dengler
Sanctuary Choir

In the shadow of the cross, underneath its mighty arms, there is refuge for the soul. There is shelter from life's harm. For the One who suffered there has redeemed us from despair. Come and rest in the shadow of the cross. In the shadow of the cross on that lonely afternoon, when the sun had fled the sky and the air was filled with doom, there I saw with tear-filled eyes, Christ became our sacrifice. There is freedom in the shadow of the cross.

In the shadow of the cross, let us rest our weary souls, for upon it, Christ the Lord has fulfilled salvation's goal. In the shadow of the cross, let us lift our eyes to see Chris the Lord, who is our light, from the dark has set us free. Let us never leave the side of the One who is our guide. Let us live in the shadow of the cross.

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 Why Now? Rev. Nancy Harper
Scripture: John 13:20-23,33-35
Pew Bible NT 132

***HYMN NO. 289** *Ah, Holy Jesus* HERZLIEBSTER JESU

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Nancy Harper

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.

***POSTLUDE** *Variation 4 from "Variations on Wondrous Love"* Arr. Robert Lau

*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

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Acolytes & Crucifer
Jackson Howton Hannah Howton

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ALTAR & NARTHEX FLOWERS

In celebration of the ministries of this church and our anniversary,
given by Ruth Howald and Scott Montgomery
In celebration of our 49th wedding anniversary,
given by Sandy and Linn Litkenhous
In memory of Mrs. Ina Bailey Tew, given by Jeanne Stanley

SYMPATHY

To Mark, Kristie & Austin Muir on the death of their daughter and his sister, Carson Muir.

To Bonnie Church & family on the death her husband Don.

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Shipley donuts are sponsored by Ron & Betty Summers

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
www.riverchaseumc.org/news/

Sponsor Sunday Donuts

We all enjoy a good donut from time to time! We would like to extend an opportunity for you, your class or small group to sponsor Shipley donuts on Sunday. You can have them dedicated as well. We will run the sponsorship or dedication in the bulletin. The cost is $200.

Field Trip Through the Tulips - March 14th

American Village Festival of Tulips field trip is March 14th! We will go to lunch in Montevallo before going to American Village. We will be taking the bus from RUMC. To register please call the office 205-987-4030. Space is limited.

Sunday School & Life Groups

Riverchase continues to offer a wide selection of Sunday School classes and Life Groups for all ages and walks of life. We welcome all to find a home and a group to be a part of.

New Class Connections - 8:30 AM

Connections is a new Sunday School Class that meets at 8:30 AM in Room 10, the "fishbowl" room just down the steps in the Welcome Center. Our class is designed for a wide age range of "empty nesters" who want to build connections and deepen relationships! For more information contact Lea Ann Chadwick at mrschadwick15@gmail.com.

New Young Adults Life Group

A new group dedicated to young adults, primarily in their 20's & 30's. We meet every 1st week of the month for a social outing and every 3rd week of the month for a more focused dinner and discussion. We also have a meeting time and spot on Sunday mornings for fellowship, at 9:45 AM in Rooms 104/105. Contact Lee Hood at leehood5@gmail.com for more info.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast

The Riverchase United Methodist Men meet on the third Sunday of every month from 8:30 until 9:30 in the Riverchase Room. Our next meeting is Sunday, March 17.

All men of the church are welcome to become members. Our meetings consist of fellowship, breakfast, and an interesting speaker. If you would like to become a member, please contact Mike Miller at 251.942.5965 or mikemiller.al@gmail.com.

Starting Point 101

Starting Point 101 will be held on Sunday, March 17, at 12:15 in room 188 (to the right as you exit the Sanctuary; or across the Narthex from the Welcome Center). This is an opportunity to meet with Tony Johnson and to ask any questions you might have about the United Methodist Church in general or about Riverchase UMC in particular. There is no commitment other than your time on Sunday, and the class is a prerequisite for becoming a partner at RUMC. Please let us know you are coming by registering at https://www.riverchaseumc.org/event/starting-point-101

Open Pickleball Sessions – Thursdays 3-7PM

3:00-5:00 Beginners, 5:00-7:00. Everyone Contact Mark Bourgoin at umaine@bellsouth.net with any questions.

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

Holy Week is March 25- March 29. For a complete schedule, including Easter Service times, use this QR code:

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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