ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 15, 2026

9:30 & 11:00A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *Ah, Holy Jesus* arr. Sandra Eithun
Riverchase Chancel Ringers; Jessica Kaufhold, Director

CALL TO WORSHIP (SUNG) Daniel deShazo

Leader: When you seek me, you shall find me if you search with all your heart. When you seek me, you shall find me if you search with all your heart.

People: When you seek me, you shall find me if you search with all your heart. When you seek me, you shall find me if you search with all your heart.

† **HYMN NO. 504** *The Old Rugged Cross* THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed Rev. Nancy Harper

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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.***

WELCOME Rev. Tony Johnson

MEET & GREET Rev. Tony Johnson

Ah Holy Jesus, how hast though offended, that we to judge thee have in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!

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.

ANTHEM *Lenten Fantasia* Jason W. Krug
Riverchase Chancel Ringers; Jessica Kaufhold, Director

ANNOUNCEMENTS (9:30) Rev. Reid Turner
(11:00) Rev. Nancy Harper

PASTORAL PRAYER (9:30) 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. 496 *Sweet Hour of Prayer* SWEET HOUR
(Please Remain Seated)

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless. And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *The Lord's Prayer* arr. Marianne Foreman

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.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Tony Johnson

SERMON Where Should You Start? Rev. Tony Johnson
Big Faith Starts with Simple Words
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.

† **HYMN NO. 396** O *Jesus, I have Promised* ANGEL'S STORY

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

POSTLUDE *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* arr. Lindell Leatherman
(Please remain seated and in meditative prayer)

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† Congregation stands, **Bold** congregation read aloud, ***Bold Italic*** congregation sings.

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

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In Honor of our parents Roger and Vicki Johnson and
Richard and Darlene Smith, given by Mark and Brenda Johnson

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good Donuts are sponsored by Backpack Ministry Coordinators Barbara Henry and Glenn Morgan as a thank you to the RUMC Congregation for their support of Backpack Ministries.

SYMPATHY

To Susie Beardsley and family on the death of her husband, **Frank Beardsley**. Susie will receive family and friends in the Fireside Room (office building) on Tuesday, March 17th from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. *Please Park behind the Office Building.* Frank's Service and Burial will be at the National Cemetery.

To Lissa and Rod Hines and family on the death of their son, **Jay Hines.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For all upcoming events please visit our website

www.riverchaseumc.org/news/

Mahjongg Lessons - 1st Thursday each month from 1-3:30 PM

Come learn to play Mahjongg! Join us for FREE lessons on the first Thursday each month (unless there is an observed holiday). After the lesson, you can join our open play each Thursday afternoon. We meet in the Upper Room at RUMC – above the church office lobby. It'll be a great time of fellowship and fun games! Please let us know you are coming on the website.

Holy Week Save the Dates

Palm Sunday – March 29, 2026

- Traditional Worship – 9:30 & 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary
- Modern Worship – 11:00 AM in the Gym

Maundy Thursday – April 2, 2026

- 6:30 PM – Scripture and Music service with Communion. Everyone is welcome to receive Communion in the United Methodist Church. All are welcome!

Good Friday – April 3, 2026

- 6:30 PM – Somber service incorporating the Passion of Christ and Special Music. We will be stripping the altar at the conclusion and leaving in silence

Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026

- Traditional Worship – 8, 9:30, & 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary
- Modern Worship – 11:00 AM in the Gym

Holy Week Community Events

Weekday lunch services

- Hosted here at Riverchase United Methodist Church. 12:00 PM service followed by 12:30 PM lunch. Friday's service will include Communion.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service – April 5, 2026

- 6:30 AM at Riverchase Country Club.

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

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 Cathy Sarris at CathyS@riverchaseumc.org. If you'd prefer to talk to someone then feel free to call the church office at 205-987-4030.

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NURSERY

Beginning with our youngest friends, at 6 weeks old, and ending with 2-year old 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 9:30 AM - 12:15 PM.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each Sunday at 9:30AM, 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

9:20-9:30 AM - Drop off in Sunday School Classroom
9:35 AM - All classes gather in the Children's Worship Center for Large Group
10:00 AM - All classes return to their classrooms for Small Group
10:30 AM - Pick up in Sunday School Classroom

WAYS TO GIVE

Automatic Bank Draft:
Set up a monthly recurring ACH gift with the church office or use services provided by your bank for automated giving.

Online Giving:
Use our website riverchaseumc.org/give to set up a one-time or recurring payment from your bank account, credit card or debit card.

Cash or Check:
You may place your cash or check in the offering plates as they are passed or mail to the church office.

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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