# ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 16, 2025

9:30 A.M.

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**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

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

**PRELUDE** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* arr. Robert W. Smith
Riverchase Instrumental Ensemble

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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed Rev. John Ray

**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.

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. Reid Turner

**MEET & GREET** Rev. Reid Turner

*Just as I am, without one plea,*
*but that thy blood was shed for me,*
*and that thou bidst me come to thee,*
*O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Nancy Harper

**PASTORAL PRAYER** 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. 297** *Beneath The Cross of Jesus* ST. CHRISTOPHER
(Please remain seated)

*Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,*
*the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;*
*a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,*
*from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.*

*I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;*
*I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;*
*content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,*
*my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Rev. Reid Turner

**OFFERTORY** *Shelter of Shalom* Craig Courtney

*You wrap yourself in wondrous light and let it shine on me. You spread the heavens like a tent and cover me with peace. You make a shelter of Yourself, my dwelling place, my home. A refuge in the wilderness, a shelter of shalom. Lead me home at last to you. The sorrows of this life are great and, God, my heart so small. The fragile peace within the world cannot withstand them all.*

*Yet even in the shadowlands, You will not let me go. My haven and my hiding place, the shelter of shalom. When stars above my head at night are whispering, "Shalom," I do not fear my brokenness; I know I shall be whole. And when my earthly tent comes down, this house of flesh and bone, O lead me home to peace at last, Your shelter of shalom.*

**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** From Wilderness to Resurrection Rev. Reid Turner
Invitation to Trust
Scripture: Exodus 16:1-12
Pew Bible: OT 78

***HYMN NO. 301** *Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross* NEAR THE CROSS

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**

***NEW MEMBER** 11:00 Sandra Gothard

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Reid Turner

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,*
*till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

***POSTLUDE** *Variation 4 from "What Wondrous Love"* arr. Robert Lau

*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 Instrumental Ensemble

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Acolytes & Crucifers
Emma & Cole Venezia Bill Lawrence

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**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In memory of our son "Trey," Ernest Edward Patterson, III,
given by Debbie and Pat Patterson
In loving memory of Doc and Susie Green, given by
Dianne and Joel Roberts

**DONUT SPONSORS**

This week's Lickin' Good donuts are sponsored by Glenn & Amy Morgan.

**SYMPATHY**

To the family and friends of Jo Broadwater

**NEW MEMBERS AND BAPTISMS**

Please welcome new members:
Jackson, Courtney, Vivian and Margo Kanupp &
Brenda & Mark Johnson
Please congratulate and welcome:
Madison Allred & Bentley Smith, who were baptized and joined.

**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.

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**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 9:30 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

### Lenten Bible Study

Lent is a time when we traditionally examine our faith to find ways to stretch ourselves. In anticipation of this spiritual growth, we're offering a special Bible study for the Lenten season. Reid will be leading a study on the Last Words of Jesus on the cross, beginning March 12th. The group will discuss these final words of Jesus and explore their significance. We will be using the book "Last Words" by Susan Robb. For more details go to www.riverchaseumc.org/bible-studies/

### 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/

### Riverchase Men Table Time

March 25, 2025 at 11:00
King Buffet, Pelham

- This is open for all Riverchase Men and their unchurched friends, sons and grandsons are welcome and encouraged
- Great time to build community with other men and hey, you're going to eat anyway.
- Order whatever you want because you're paying for it – Dutch Treat.
- Address: 101 Cahaba Valley Parkway E, Pelham

Please register online at www.riverchaseumc.org/events by Monday, March 24 at noon.

### Save The Dates

- April 12 Great Day of Service
- April 13 Palm Sunday
- April 17 Maundy Thursday
- April 18 Good Friday
- April 20 Easter

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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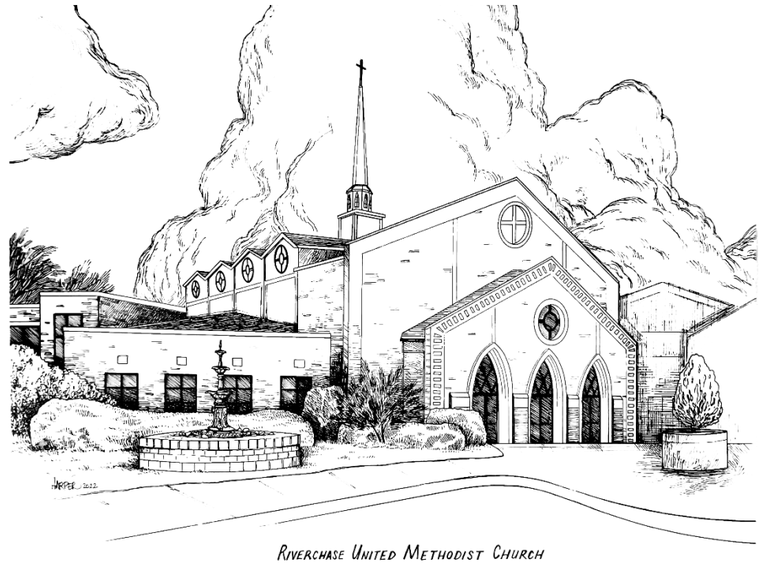


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**Our mission is to make disciples by Sharing the Joy of Christ!**

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