

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Easter Sunday*

March 31, 2024

11:00 A.M.

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## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Easter Introit*

John Ferguson

*Listen. The One who bore God's heart, the One who spoke God's peace, the One in whom God agonized is now the Risen Lord. Death was no prison for him. Jesus is raised and among us. All that you see and hear comes from the One who was freed. Listen. Hear, O people of God, that Jesus Christ is Lord. Alleluia!*

**\*HYMN NO. 302 vs. 1-4** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* **EASTER HYMN**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Nancy Harper

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you,

**All: And also with you.**

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.*

*Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.*

*In the desert all-surrounding, see a spreading tree has grown.*

*Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

## ANTHEM

*Festival Piece on 'St. Anne'*

Eugene Butler

## 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.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Nancy Harper

## OFFERTORY

*Resurrection Hymn*

arr. Steven Strite

*Alleluia! See what a morning gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem. Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!" See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice, fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead! See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?" As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb; hears a voice speaking, calling her name; it's the Master, the Lord, raised to*

*life again. The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us, will sound 'til He appears, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead! One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through Spirit who clothes faith with certainty, honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with power and authority. And we are raised with Him, death is dead, Love has won, Christ has conquered. And we shall reign with Him, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia!*

## GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

### \*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

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

What's the Good Word?

Rev. John Ray

Scripture: John 20:19-23

Pew Bible NT 141

### \*HYMN

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.*

*Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.*

*Awake, my soul and sing of him who died for thee,*

*And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown him the Lord of love: Behold his hands and side,*

*Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;*

*No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,*

*But downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,*

*And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.*

*His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,*

*Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*

*Crown him the Lord of heav'n, one with the Father known,*

*One with the Spirit through Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.*

*To thee be endless praise, for thou for us hast died;*

*Be thou, O Lord, through endless days adorned and magnified!*

### \*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. John Ray

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Hallelujah Chorus*

G.F. Handel

### \*POSTLUDE

*Toccata from 'Symphony V'*

Charles-Marie Widor

\*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

Adam Bearden, Trumpet

Matthew Chambless, Trumpet

Catherine Bates, Horn

Isaiah Vasquez, Trombone

Andrew Braun, Trombone

Sam Sweircek, Tuba

Victoria Nail, Timpani

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Acolytes & Crucifers

Charlie Wilkins      Henry Collis

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

To the glory of God

### DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Shipley's donuts are sponsored by the United Methodist Men.

### WELCOME

We're so glad that you've chosen Riverchase UMC this morning where our mission is to Share the Joy of Christ. We hope you'll stay after the 8:30 and 9:45 services and enjoy free coffee and donuts in our Welcome Center.

If you'd like to know more about Riverchase UMC we invite you to visit our website at [Riverchaseumc.org](http://Riverchaseumc.org) or email [RuthH@riverchaseumc.org](mailto: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 8:30 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/](http://www.riverchaseumc.org/news/)



The Church office will be closed on Easter Monday.



### 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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:Lee Hood at leehood5@gmail.com) for more info.

### Riverchaseumc.org Window Decals

Our new window decals are available in the Welcome Center for \$1.

For a current list of all prayer concerns visit [www.riverchaseumc.org/prayers/](http://www.riverchaseumc.org/prayers/)



### 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](mailto:maryannel@riverchaseumc.org) or [finance@riverchaseumc.org](mailto: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](http://riverchaseumc.org/engage) OR [engage.suran.com/rumcal](http://engage.suran.com/rumcal)

YOU CAN GIVE THROUGH ENGAGE WITHOUT CREATING AN ACCOUNT.

[paypal.me/RiverchaseUMC](http://paypal.me/RiverchaseUMC)

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