ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 8, 2026

9:30 & 11:00A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *Nearer, My God, to Thee* arr. Neil Harmon

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. 156** *I Love to Tell the Story* HANKEY

WELCOME Rev. Tony Johnson

MEET & GREET Rev. Tony Johnson

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

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.

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

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

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 up on the way,
From the burning of the noon tide 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. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *Nearer, My God, to Thee* arr. Barlow Bradford

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 Where Should I Start? Rev. Tony Johnson
Big Faith Starts with Simple Words
Give us this day our daily bread...

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CONFESSION AND PARDON (9:30) Rev. Reid Turner
(11:00) Rev. Nancy Harper

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

People: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

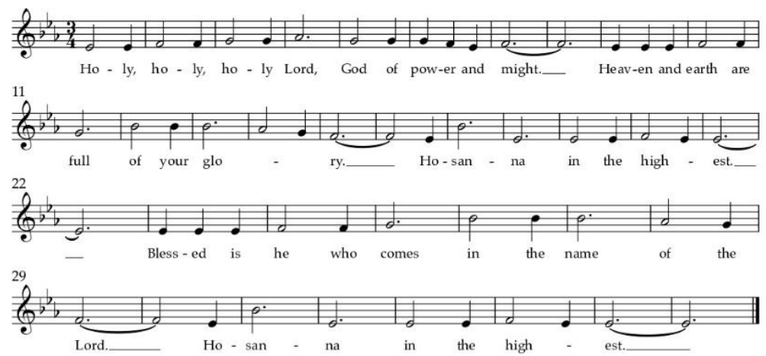
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God
and spoke to us through the prophets.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives,
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and juice.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

† **HYMN NO. 528** *Nearer, My God, to Thee* BETHANY

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

BENEDICTION Rev. Tony Johnson

POSTLUDE *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* arr. Robert Hobby

(Please remain seated and be in meditative prayer)

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

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Musicians
Daniel deShazo, Minister of Music and Worship Arts
Walt Rogers, Organ
Kathy Wallace, Piano
Sanctuary Choir

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SYMPATHY
To the family and friends of Betty Osburne.
To Ashlee & Johnathan Marshall and family on the death of Ashlee's mother, Peggy Elliott.

DONUT SPONSORS
This week's Lickin' Good Donuts are sponsored Anonymously for The Joy of Christ

NEW MEMBERS
Please welcome new members, Ginger and Wayne Moseley.

FLOWER CORRECTION FROM MARCH 1
In memory of John Ray and his ministry given by the Crosspoint, Aims, and Ages and Stages Sunday School Classes.

SAVE THE DATES:

- March 14 Great Day of Service
- March 29 Palm Sunday
- April 02 Maundy Thursday
- April 03 Good Friday
- April 05 Easter

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

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.

RIVERCHASE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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