ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 12, 2026

9:30 & 11:00A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *Prelude on 'Assurance'* arr. Whitworth

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. 304** *Easter People Raise Your Voices* REGENT SQUARE

† **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

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

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.

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. 310 *He Lives* ACKLEY
(Please Remain Seated)

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever foes may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him, he's always near.

Refrain:

He Lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing and eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find; none other is so loving, so good and kind.

Refrain

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson
OFFERTORY *Faithfulness* arr. Joel Raney

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

† **DOXOLOGY** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Tony Johnson

SERMON Title: Love Wins! Rev. Tony Johnson
Scripture: John 1: 1-5
Pew Bible: NT 111

† **HYMN NO. 318** *Christ is Alive* TRURO

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 MEMBERS (11:00) James and Lucille Morris

† **BENEDICTION** Rev. Tony Johnson

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

POSTLUDE *Jesus Shall Reign* arr. Albin Whitworth

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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

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In loving memory of Lee Gutherie, Jr.
by Brandi and Lee Gutherie

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good Donuts are given in appreciation of our wonderful Flower Guild

SYMPATHY

To Bob & Mary Lynn Brown on the death of Bob's brother, Marvin D. "Sonny" Brown.

Hearing Devices are available near the Ushers table in the Narthex

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Sponsor Sunday Donuts. Please help us provide donuts on Sunday mornings! We would like to extend an opportunity for you, your class or small group, to sponsor donuts on Sunday. Contact Sally Dumais for details or visit the RUMC website.

Riverchase Men's Breakfast - April 19

The Riverchase Men will have their monthly breakfast from 8:45-9:25 AM in the Riverchase Room. The cost is $5. All men are invited. Please let us know you are coming by registering with the following link or by calling the church office at 205-987-4030.

Health & Wellness - CPR Training - April 25

The Health and Wellness Ministry will host CPR Training for all interested. This hands-on session will teach essential life-saving techniques and emergency response skills. Please contact the church office for more information.

We are hiring! Open Positions:

Nursery Attendant. Our Nursery Department has 2 Nursery Attendant openings. We are looking for candidates who have a passion and interest in nurturing our youngest church members

Traditional Service Technical Team. We need a technically savvy person who can help operate sound/lighting/livestream of our Traditional Services on Sunday mornings.

Director of Financial Stewardship & Development. Riverchase UMC is looking to hire someone to be responsible for planning, implementing, directing, and evaluating the overall Financial Stewardship programs for Riverchase United Methodist Church and its ministries.

New to Riverchase? Join us for Starting Point 101!

Interested in learning more about Riverchase? Perhaps you have decided to partner with us! Join us for Starting Point 101 to learn everything you need to know about our church family! ! April 22nd, from 6-7 PM in the Welcome Center

For a current list of all prayer concerns visit
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 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.

Engage PayPal Venmo

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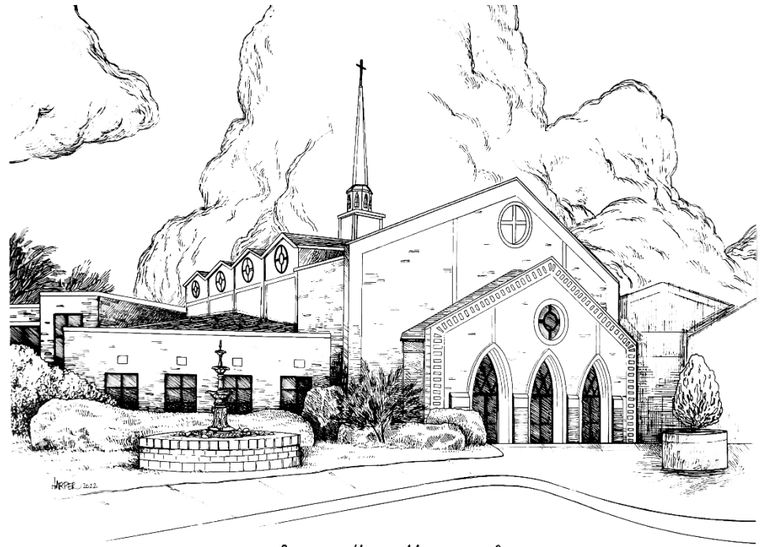

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Our mission is to make disciples by Sharing the Joy of Christ!

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