ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

9:45 A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

WELCOME Rev. Nancy Harper

PRELUDE *This Joyful Eastertide* arr. Kenneth Kosche

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

***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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Tony Johnson

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.

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *Grace* arr. Mark Hayes
Sanctuary Choir

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 Taboo ...Things Related to Death Rev. Tony Johnson
Heaven
Scripture: John 14:1-7
Pew Bible NT 132

***HYMN NO. 138** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ST. COLUMBA
(vs. 1,2 &4)

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Nancy Harper

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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.

***POSTLUDE** *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing* arr. Matthew Corl

*Please stand as you are able.

Communion will be served in the prayer chapel after the 9:45 service.

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Daniel deShazo, Director of Music and Worship
Walt Rogers, Organ
Kathy Wallace, Piano
Sanctuary Choir

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Acolytes & Crucifer
Hank Kessler Clark French

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ALTAR & NARTHEX FLOWERS

In honor of our grandson, Carlisle, on his first birthday,
given by Stephanie & Mitch Forester
In memory of Betty Nash, given by Friends in Christ

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Shipley donuts are sponsored by John & Karen Ray in honor of their grandchildren, Hannah Kate and Jackson Howton.

SYMPATHY

To Janice Spencer on the death of her husband, Steve.

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.
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 9:45 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 our website
www.riverchaseumc.org/news/

Women's Ministry Meeting - April 21st

Women's Ministry would like to invite all women of the church to discuss our exciting future!
Meeting will be held on April 21st, 2 PM in the Riverchase room

2024 RUMC Fine Arts Academy Summer Camp Registration Now Open

Jessica Kaufhold, Camp Director

This joint venture between RUMC's Fine Arts Academy and RUMC's Music Ministry is intended as an engaging, fun, and unique summer camp opportunity for Rising 1st – 6th graders. Each day, campers will have the opportunity to create a unique directed art project, have a hands-on interactive introduction to instruments from different instrument families, enjoy active playtime, and attend a brief performance by outstanding musicians on the day's featured instruments. Register online at www.riverchaseumc.org/news/

Reid Turner to Join RUMC as Associate Pastor

We are extremely excited to share the news that Reid Turner has been appointed Associate Pastor at Riverchase United Methodist Church.

Reid is a graduate of Candler School of Theology and is current serving at Alabaster First United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Alyssa, just welcomed their first son, Riley, to their family in March.

His first official Sunday with us will be July 7th. We will have more information later about when you can meet and welcome Reid and his family to Riverchase.

Please pray for a successful transition and keep the folks in Alabaster that will be losing their pastor in your prayers, as well.

For a current list of all prayer concerns visit
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 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:
riverchaseumc.org/engage OR engage.suran.com/rumcal

YOU CAN GIVE THROUGH ENGAGE WITHOUT CREATING AN ACCOUNT.

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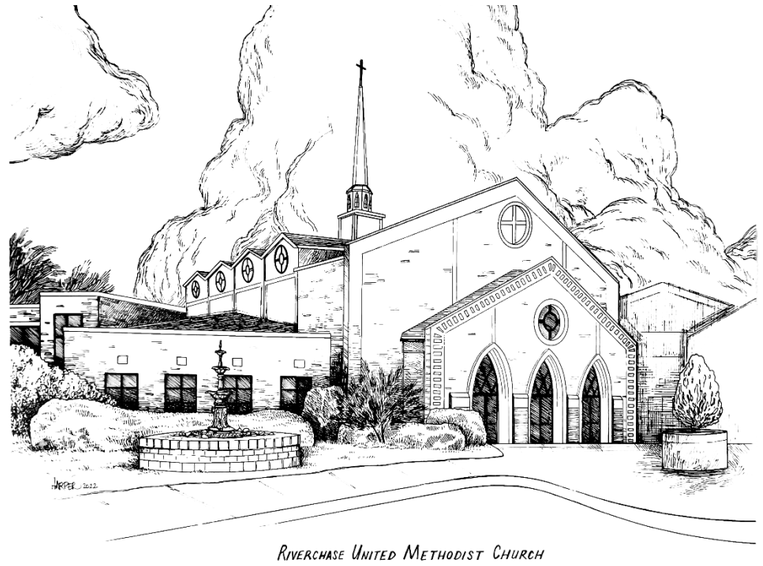

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Our mission is to make disciples by Sharing the Joy of Christ!

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