ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

8:30 A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

WELCOME Rev. Nancy Harper

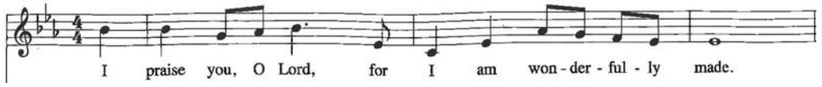
PRELUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Dan Miller

***HYMN NO. 308 (vs. 1,3)** *Thine Be The Glory* JUDAS MACCABEUS

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Keith Owens

Leader: The Lord be with you,
All: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.

PSALTER Psalm 139



Verse: O Lord, you search me and you know me. You yourself know my resting and my rising, you discern my thoughts from afar. You mark when I walk or lie down.

Verse: For it was you who formed my inmost being, knit me together in my mother's womb. I thank you who wonderfully made me; how wonderful are your works.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *I Stand Amazed* arr. Craig Courtney

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 Rebounding After Disappointment Rev. Tony Johnson
When We Disappoint Christ
Luke 24:13-35
Pew Bible NT 109

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CONFESSION AND PARDON Rev. Scott Barnes

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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you,
All: And also with you.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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. 310 (vs. 1,3)** *He Lives* ACKLEY

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BENEDICTION**

***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** *Fanfare on 'Thine is the Glory'* arr. Charles Callahan

*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

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Acolytes & Crucifers
Reagan Hoffman Drew Hoffman

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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 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 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

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

GIVING KIOSK in the Narthex ("Lobby")
Enter the amount, verify that "Card Swiping" is ON/green, swipe your card, complete the required fields, and submit. Once confirmed, select "Create a New One-Time Charge" to clear your information from the screen.

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 (205) 253-7030. 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 (205) 253-7030.

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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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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ALTAR & NARTHEX FLOWERS

In memory of my beloved wife, Gina "GG" Burns, given by George Burns
In memory of Houston & Virginia Brown, given by Friends in Christ
In memory of Edith Box, given by Friends in Christ

NEW MEMBER

We welcome new member, Lauren Maloney

SYMPATHY

To John & Nancy Stewart on the death of John's brother, Lt Col Richard Lee Stewart

Handbells

Our Handbell choirs meet weekly and lead in worship approximately once a month. The Riverchase Chancel Ringers meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., and Celebration Ringers meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Handbells are a fun and exciting way to experience sacred music and to keep active. There are so many fun techniques and styles that are unique to handbells that make them a blast to both play and listen to! For more information about our handbell choirs, please contact Daniel deShazo at danield@riverchaseumc.org

Riverchase Orchestra

Have you ever played an instrument either professionally or as an amateur? The Riverchase orchestra meets weekly and is a collection of members that volunteer their time to play about every 6 weeks in worship. All levels are welcome! The orchestra meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. This is a great way to share your talent and add to worship! For more information about the orchestra or to join, please contact Daniel deShazo at danield@riverchaseumc.org

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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