ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 26, 2026

9:30 & 11:00A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

WELCOME Rev. Tony Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Tony Johnson

MEET & GREET Rev. Tony Johnson

PRELUDE *More love to thee/Nearer my God to* thee

CALL TO WORSHIP (SUNG) Cameron Corbitt

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. 308 *Thine be the Glory* MACCABEUS

† 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.

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.

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. 368 *My Hope is Built* THE SOLID ROCK
(Please Remain Seated)

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!
Refrain

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *His Eye is on the Sparrow* arr. Mack Wilberg

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Tony Johnson

SERMON Series: Back to Basics Rev. Tony Johnson
Title: Count the Cost
Matthew 16:21-28

† HYMN NO. 374 *Standing on the Promises* PROMISES

† INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

† BENEDICTION Rev. Tony Johnson

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

† POSTLUDE *Postlude in F Major* J.S. Bach

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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
Kathy Wallace, Piano
Sanctuary Choir

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of our 13th wedding anniversary
by Liz and Delane Ponder

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good Donuts are given in
honor of the faithful service of the Altar Guild

SYMPATHY

To Keith & Reesie Maple and Todd & Shea Maple
and their families on the death of Keith and Todd's mother, Cheryl Kunzer.

To Sharon Braswell and family on the death of her husband, Ed Braswell.

Hearing Devices are available near the Ushers table in the Narthex

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Backpack Ministry – April 26
The last Backpack packing for the school year will be Sunday, April 26, at 3:00 PM in room 27. Packing takes around 1 hour, please help if you can!

Riverchase Women Meet-Up - April 28
Women, please join us for gelato, coffee, and conversation on Tuesday, April 28th, from 5:30-7:30 pm, at Vecchia Gelato & Cafe! Please drop in anytime, stay as long as you like.

Confirmation Sunday – May 3
Confirmation Sunday will be on Sunday May 3rd in the 9:30am traditional service. We will have a rehearsal today, April 26th right after the 11am service in the sanctuary. Parents of confirmands and confirmands should be there to attend!

Health & Wellness - Nutrition Class - May 6
The Health and Wellness Ministry will host a nutrition class called "Wellness from the Inside Out" Eating a Little Better. Karen Harrison, a registered dietitian with UAB, will present nutrition ideas that you can add to your weekly diet that can improve your health. Wednesday, May 6, 5-6pm Rooms 105 & 106.

RCM - Vacation Bible School - June 8-12 - *REGISTRATION OPEN*
A weeklong fun and engaging summer camp designed to instill Christian values and foster spiritual growth in rising 4K-6th graders.

RSM - Summer Activities - *REGISTRATIONS OPEN*
Youth students check out our News page to see all of our Summer Activities and register today!

Summer Music Camp - August 3-6
More info to come as summer approaches. Please save the dates and plan to register. This year's camp will be "Musical Theater" themed.
Camp is for rising 1st – 6 graders.

For a current list of all prayer concerns visit

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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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 26, 2026
9:30 and 11:00 AM

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

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