ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

9:30AM & 11:00AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy!* Arr. Tim Rumsey

† **HYMN NO. 302** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

WELCOME Rev. Tony Johnson

MEET & GREET Rev. Tony Johnson

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend; Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

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

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. 303 *The Day of Resurrection* LANCASHIRE

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Nancy Harper

OFFERTORY *I Am Not My Own* Craig Courtney

I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death. I am not my own. I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. I am not my own. His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free. For my salvation all things work together, in eternal life he gives me hope. By the power of His Holy Spirit, I will live for Him. I am not my own. I belong to Him, in life, in death, my only comfort, I belong to Him, I will live for Him, forever and ever. Forevermore.

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!

SERMON Rev. Tony Johnson

Title : In the Silence
Scripture : Luke 24:1-12 NIV
Pew Bible NT

† **HYMN** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

Congregation Men:

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Congregation Women:

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Congregation All:

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou has died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

† **INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

† **BENEDICTION** Rev. Tony Johnson

† **CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Hallelujah Chorus from "Messiah"* G.F. Handel

† **POSTLUDE** *Toccata from Symphony V* Charles-Marie Widor

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† 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
Riverchase Chancel Ringers, Jessica Kaufhold, Director
Riverchase Brass Ensemble

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In Loving memory of Doc & Susie Green and Elbert & Elizabeth Roberts, given by Joel & Dianne Roberts

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good donuts are in honor of EASTER

SYMPATHY

To Chris and Sarah Patrick and family on the death of Chris's mother, Demetra Patrick.
To Craig and Kristie Tolbert & family on the death of Craig's father, Sonny Tolbert
To Jim & Janice Roberts on the death of Jim's sister, Martha Perry

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For all upcoming events please visit riverchaseumc.org/news/

The Church office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 6, 2026.

Sponsor Sunday Donuts

We all enjoy a good donut from time to time! We would like to extend an opportunity for you, your class or small group to sponsor donuts on Sunday. You can have them dedicated as well. We will run the sponsorship or dedication in the bulletin. The cost is $200. Please sign up for donut sponsorship on our website.

Sunday School & Life Groups

Riverchase continues to offer a wide selection of Sunday School classes and Life Groups for all ages and walks of life. We welcome all to find a home and a group to be a part of. For more information, please visit our website.

Riverchase Men's Breakfast - April 19, 2026

The Riverchase Men will have their monthly breakfast from 8:45 until 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 on the website or by calling the church office at 205-987-4030.

Health & Wellness - CPR Training - April 25, 2026 at 10:00AM

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. Visit the website to learn more. Registration: please call the church office at (205) 987-4030 or email Brandi Guthrie at brandiguthrie@att.net.
Join us as we take an important step toward keeping our church and community safe. Space is limited to 30.

Summer Save The Dates:

Riverchase Children's Ministry

- Vacation Bible School June 8-12
- Mission Possible July 19-23

Riverchase Student Ministry

- High School Retreat May 28-30
- Six Flags June 3
- Bigstuf Retreat June 16-20
- Magic City Work Week July 12-17
- Atlanta Braves Game July 22

Fine Arts Academy

- Summer Music Camp August 3-6

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, 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 until 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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