ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

9:45 & 11:00 A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

WELCOME Daniel deShazo

ANNOUNCEMENT Bruce Larson, SPRC Chair

PRELUDE

***HYMN NO. 304** *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* REGENT SQUARE

PASSING OF THE PEACE Daniel deShazo

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.

Children's Church (11:00) Children ages 3 years old - kindergarten 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 Rev. John Ray

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Nancy Harper

OFFERTORY *My Jesus, I Love Thee* arr. Dan Forrest

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine. For thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou, if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death, and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath; and say when the death dew lies cold on my brow, if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. In mansions of glory, and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright. I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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 Finding Easter Eggs Rev. Nancy Harper
Scripture: 1 John 4: 7-12 and selected others.
Pew Bible NT 292

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CONFESSION AND PARDON Rev. John Ray

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Rev. Nancy Harper

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through the prophets.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives,
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."
When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and juice.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

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. 303** *The Day of Resurrection* LANCASHIRE

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BENEDICTION** Rev. John Ray

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

***POSTLUDE**

*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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Acolyte and Crucifer
Lane Kaufhold Joseph Kaufhold

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of our grandchildren, Amanda and Kelly Leach,
given by Betty and Ron Summers
In memory of Ed Segner, my husband, on his birthday,
given by Fairfax Segner
In memory of Lee Guthrie, Jr given by Brandi and Lee Guthrie

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Shipley donuts are sponsored by The Women's Ministry.

SYMPATHY

To Sandy Carter 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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Wednesday Bible Study Classes

Nancy Harper's Wednesday Bible Study Classes are starting a new title this week! (morning @ 9:30) OR (evening @ 6:00 PM) Bible studies are starting and new participants, are Welcome! The book they will be studying is called, Context, by Josh Scott; available in the church office for $12. The Context study digs out the hidden meaning of familiar Bible passages and teaches readers to consider the cultural and historical background that give these scriptures deeper meaning! The Zoom option is also available --9:30 AM only! Introductory class is April 3rd; Lesson 1 begins April 10th. Both classes meet in the Fireside Room of the Office building.

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

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 Shipley donuts on Sunday. You can have them dedicated as well. We will run the sponsorship or dedication in the bulletin. The cost is $200.

RUMC Window Stickers Now Available

Help spread the word by placing a sticker on your left side car back window where possible...

Cost $1.00 (If you honestly can't afford that, then it's on the house...). Ways to purchase:
- Welcome Center on Sundays
- Church Office during the week

For a current list of all prayer concerns visit
www.riverchaseumc.org/prayers/

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