

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter Introit

John Ferguson

Listen. The One who bore God's heart, the One who spoke God's peace, the One in whom God agonized is now the Risen Lord. Death was no prison for him. Jesus is raised and among us. All that you see and hear comes from the One who was freed. Listen. Hear, O people of God, that Jesus Christ is Lord. Alleluia!

*HYMN NO. 302 vs. 1-4

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

*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

GREATOR EX

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. Nancy Harper

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. Keith Owens

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.

*HYMN NO. 304

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

REGENT SQUARE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

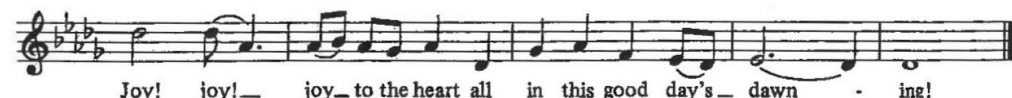
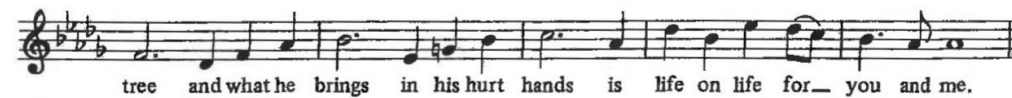
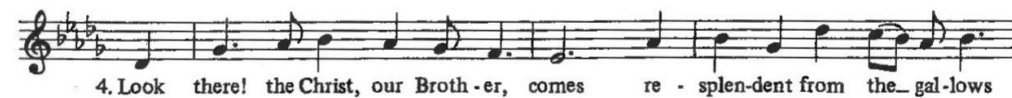
Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY

Joy to the Heart

K. Lee Scott

Look there! The Christ, our Brother, comes resplendent from the gallows tree and what he brings in his hurt hands is life on life for you and me. Joy! Joy! Joy to the heart all in this good day's dawning! Good Jesus Christ inside his pain looked down Golgotha's stony slope and let the blood flow from his flesh to fill the springs of living hope. Good Jesus Christ, our Brother, died in darkest hurt upon the tree to offer us the worlds of light that live inside the Trinity.



(Repeat Refrain)

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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

Where Dreams Go South

Rev. Tony Johnson

Mark 16:1-15

Pew Bible NT 66

*HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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.

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.

Crown him the Lord of years: The potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

NEW MEMBERS

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah Chorus

G.F. Handel

*POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphony V

Charles Marie Widor

*Please stand as you are able.

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

Musicians

Daniel deShazo, Minister of Music and Worship Arts

Walt Rogers, Organ

Kathy Wallace, Piano

Sanctuary Choir

Brass Ensemble

Acolytes & Crucifers

8:30 Avery Jockisch

9:45 Anne Russell Adam Russell

11:00 Nora Monsma Henry Collis

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.

paypal.me/RiverchaseUMC

Use the PayPal app to send money to @RiverchaseUMC

Use the Venmo app to send money to our Charity account @RiverchaseUMC



ALTAR & NARTHEX FLOWERS

In memory of my husband, Jim Holsonback, given by Sally Holsonback
To the Glory of God, given by Melissa & David Marsh

In memory of our parents, Floyd & Dorothy Iseman and Arthur & Peg Hoyle
given by Jan & Ken Hoyle

SYMPATHY

To Susan McBrayer on the death of her husband, John McBrayer.
To Jolene & David Ethridge on the death of Jolene's father, Victor Gressett.



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