ORDER OF WORSHIP

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Confirmation Sunday

May 21, 2023

9:45 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

WELCOME Rev. Nancy Harper

PRELUDE *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* arr. James Biery

***HYMN NO. 660 (vs. 1,3,4)** *God Is Here* ABBOT'S LEIGH

PASSING OF THE PEACE Daniel DeShazo

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Keith Owens

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

God of truth and knowledge,
by your wisdom, we are taught the way and the truth.
Bless these graduates as they now finish this course of study.
We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them,
and all who supported them along the way.
Walk with these graduates as they leave and move forward in life.
Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose.
Strengthen their many talents and skills,
instill in them a confidence in the future you plan, where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people;
For the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

RECOGNITION OF CONFIRMATION TEACHERS Taylor Sallade

RECEIVING OF THE 2023 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sawyer Allen
Reese Barnett
Brooks Brand
Sadie Brown
Gabriel Caputo
Wynn Collier
Henry Collis
Piper Crowder
Charlie Farrington
Caroline Flurry
Harper Garrett
Lillian Gunter
Addie Helms
Lucy Livingston
Colin Maloney
CJ Moon
Graydon Moran
Addison Pate
Reed Pathak
Preslee Roberts
Emily Tidwell

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Scott Barnes

OFFERTORY *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* John Rutter

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 Jesus Goes to School Rev. John Ray
Scripture: Luke 2:41-52
Pew Bible NT 133

***HYMN NO. 383 (vs. 1,3,4)** *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* BEGINNINGS

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** ("Come, Thou Fount")

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

***POSTLUDE** *Voluntary* John Stanley

*Please stand as you are able.

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

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Musicians
Daniel deShazo, Minister of Music and Worship Arts
Walt Rogers, Organ
Kathy Wallace, Piano
Sanctuary Choir

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Acolytes & Crucifers

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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.
paypal.me/RiverchaseUMC
Use the PayPal app to send money to @RiverchaseUMC
Use the Venmo app to send money to our Charity account @RiverchaseUMC

venmo

ALTAR & NARTHEX FLOWERS

In celebration of Jim and Carol Newton's wedding anniversary, given by Jim Newton
In celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary, given by Randy and Glenda Lott
In memory of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. William P Shea and Mr. & Mrs. Hobson Murrey Wakefield, given by John and Terry Shea
In loving memory of our parents, Emmie & Harbert Thompson, and Virginia & Luther Sparks, given by Doris and Sam Sparks

SYMPATHY

To the family and friends of Rita van Blommesteyn. The Celebration of Life will be Saturday, June 17, in the Riverchase Room. The visitation will be at 10:30 AM with the service at 11:30 AM.

RIVERCHASE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Riverchase United Methodist Church

May 21, 2023

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9:45 A.M.

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

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