ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

11:00 A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

WELCOME Rev. Nancy Harper

PRELUDE *Great is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Dan Miller

***HYMN NO. 400** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

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: 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.

ANTHEM *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* arr. Joel Raney
Amy Ferguson, Soloist

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. John Ray

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Nancy Harper

OFFERTORY *Amazing Grace* 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.

SERMON The Proof is in the Peach Rev. Nancy Harper
Scripture: John 15:9-12 & 16-17
Pew Bible NT 134

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 forever.

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. 347** *Spirit Song* SPIRIT SONG

NEW MEMBERS Jim and Jan Slack

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Nancy Harper

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

***POSTLUDE** *Trumpet Voluntary* arr. Jeremiah Clarke

*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 Memory of our son, Mark Holloway, given by Tid and Nancy Hollway
In Celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary,
given by Judi and Richard Douglas

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Shipley donuts are sponsored by OLLI

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SYMPATHY

To Rob & Leah Friar on the death of their daughter, Pam Friar Oinos. To Robby, her brother & to her husband Alex & their children, Oliva & Baker.

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
10:10 AM - All classes return to their classrooms for Small Group
10:45 AM - Pick up in Sunday School Classroom

WAYS TO GIVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Confirmation Practice

There will be a practice for all Confirmands immediately following the 11:00 service today.

Music Sunday

Please join us next Sunday for Music Sunday in all Traditional Services.

Cookies for Kairos

A team from Riverchase UMC and other area churches is going back into Donaldson prison for a Kairos Weekend. Please help by baking homemade cookies or brownies. Please place two dozen cookies or brownies in gallon zip-lock bags. Bags can be placed in the designated box at the front desk in the church office on May 7 or 8. Donations are also accepted. Please make our checks to Kairos. Contact Glenn Sheffield at sheffieldg1@yahoo.com for more information.

Board of Stewards Meeting

There will be a Board of Stewards meeting on May 14 at 6:00PM in the Choral Rehearsal Room.

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

Discipleship Portal

Make sure to check out our new Discipleship Portal on our website. Its purpose is to provide you with a systematic, visual way to always know what your "next step" is for spiritual growth. Stay tuned, the portal is a living document and will change over time. Check it out at riverchaseumc.org/discipleship-portal/

The Funeral Arrangements for Pam Friar Oinos

The Funeral will be on May 6th at Charter Funeral Home, 2521 US Highway 31, Calera, AL 35040. The visitation will be from 11:00 - 12:00 for family only, then 12:00 - 1:00 for everyone else, the memorial service will be at 1:00 followed by a reception. A private family graveside will be held at a later date.

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

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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