ORDER OF WORSHIP

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023

9:45 & 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 *Prelude on 'Joy in the Morning'* arr. Joel Raney

***HYMN NO** *577* *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

PASSING OF THE PEACE Daniel deShazo

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you,
All: And also with you.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

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. Keith Owens

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

MUSIC MEDITATION NO. 114 *Many Gifts, One Spirit*

God of change and glory, God of time and space, when we fear the future, give to us your grace. In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise. God of many colors, God of many signs, you have made us different, blessing many kinds. As the old ways disappear, let your love cast out our fear. Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways. In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word known in many ways, hallowing our days. For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *Carried by Love* David Lantz III

Far from the flock, far from the fold; lost in the dark, frightened, and cold. Captured by fear, bound by despair; crying for One to hear my prayer. Search me and find me, lost and alone. Search me and find me, carry me safely home. Out of the night, black as my shame, I hear a voice calling my name. Shepherd of Love, calling to me, offering grace abundant and free. Lifted by hands gentle and strong, into His arms where I belong. Held by the One sent from above, covered by grace and carried by Love.

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 Essentials-Communion Rev. Tony Johnson
Scripture: Mark 14:22-25
Pew Bible NT 63

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

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

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 unto 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.** *560* *Help Us Accept Each Other* ACCEPTANCE

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

***POSTLUDE** *God of Grace* Paul Manz

***Please stand as you are able.**

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

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Acolytes & Crucifers
9:45
11:00 Nora Monsma & Alex DeBerry

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ALTAR & NARTHEX FLOWERS

In celebration of our 43rd wedding anniversary,
given by Glenn & Amy Morgan
In celebration of Lori Reed's birthday, given by Ron and Kathy Babin
In celebration of Amy & Glenn Morgan's 43rd wedding anniversary,
given by their children and grandchildren.

SYMPATHY

To Marie Teague and family on the death of her husband Ted.

ANNOUNCEMENT

A church wide vote will be held on **Monday, July 17, 2023, at 6:45 PM in the Sanctuary.** This vote will determine whether Riverchase UMC will disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church or stay with the United Methodist Church.
Voting is in person, and each full member has a vote. There is no quorum. However, a 2/3 majority of votes cast, is required to disaffiliate. The North Alabama Conference will be administering the vote.

Doors open at 4:30 PM. Doors close at 6:45 PM. Once the doors close, no one else will be allowed to obtain a ballot. You must have a ballot to vote. We are expecting a large number of people, so please arrive early to ensure you get a ballot and are able to vote.

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

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 NEW NUMBER
Our text giving number has changed and is now (833) 273-1232. 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 (833) 273-1232.

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

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

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