Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 25, 2024

9:45 & 11:00 A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *Processional & Trumpet Tune on CWM RHONDDA*
arr. Wayne Wold

***HYMN NO. 139** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

Children's Church (11:00 only): 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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Tony Johnson

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

WELCOME 9:45 Rev. Reid Turner
11:00 Rev. Nancy Harper

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:45) Ellie Kate Stephens
Daughter of Kaley & Cory Stephens

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

People: We do.

Leader: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include *Ellie Kate* now before you in your care?

People: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that *Ellie Kate*, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow. Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago. Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

PASTORAL PRAYER 9:45 Rev. Reid Turner
11:00 Rev. Nancy Harper

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.

CHORAL AMEN

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Bob Chilcott
Sanctuary Choir, Amy Ferguson, Soloist

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 Clarity ..... For life's confusing questions... Rev. Tony Johnson
What matters most?
Scripture: : Luke 16:19-31
Pew Bible NT 97

***HYMN NO. 451** *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Tony Johnson

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***POSTLUDE** *Postlude on CWM RHONDDA* Paul Manz

*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
Amy Ferguson, Soloist

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Acolytes & Crucifers
9:45 Cathy Henry
11:00 Bill Allen

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In Celebration of our 45th wedding anniversary, given by Pam & Bill Stumbo
In Memory of Ward Parsons, given by Friends in Christ

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good donuts are sponsored by the United Methodist Men

BOARD OF STEWARDS

There will be a Board of Stewards meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6:00PM.

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

New Fall Bible Studies

We have a great Fall lineup of Bible Studies starting in September. Register and buy books at riverchaseumc.org/bible-studies.

- Book of Revelation through Lectio Divina with Rev. Tony Johnson
- The Road Back to You with Rev. Reid Turner
- Epic of Eden: Deborah with Rev. Nancy Harper or Rev. John Ray or Cherie Season
- On-going bible studies with Jeff Wallace
- What Happens Next with Joel Roberts
- The Enneagram for Moms with Kara Walker

Community Block Party

October 6 from 4:00-6:00PM. It will be a great time for our church family and our community to come together and enjoy fellowship, games, food, and FUN!

Donut Sponsors

We would like to extend an opportunity for you, your class or small group to sponsor donuts on Sunday. You can have them dedicated as well. We will run the sponsorship or dedication in the bulletin.

Free Beginner's Pickleball Clinics Thursday, September 12

Two Sessions
4:00 – 5:30 and 5:30 – 7:00 PM

These Introduction to Pickleball Clinics will be limited to 12 participants each, in order to assure ample time to learn the basics and get some practice strokes and even get a game or two in.

Registration is required. Please contact Mark Bourgoin at umaine@bellsouth.net to register for either of these Intro to Pickleball Clinics.

Equipment will be provided, if needed.

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

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
Our text giving number is (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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