Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 15, 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 *Camp Meeting Jubilee* arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP Daniel deShazo

Leader: We gather today to worship the One who created us,
People: The One who calls us,
Leader: The One who equips us,
People: The One who loves us without end.
Leader: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.
All: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

***HYMN NO. 374** *Standing On The Promises* PROMISES

***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** GREATOREX

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.

Children's Church (11:00 only): Children ages 3 years old – 1st 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. We will not have Children's Church on the 1st Sunday of the month.

WELCOME Rev. Tony Johnson

MEET & GREET Rev. Tony Johnson

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (9:45) Rev. Reid Turner
(11:00) Rev. Nancy Harper

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 RESPONSE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Where Can I Go?* Molly Ijames

Sanctuary Choir; Janis Barnett, Flute

Where can I go from You? O Lord, You've searched and known my ways; You trace my paths, You count my days. If I ascend unto the heavens, You are there.
Even before my voice is heard, You read each thought, You know each word, and surely darkness cannot hide me, You are there.
Where can I go, O Lord from You? If I should flee, you would pursue. Though I should take the wings of morning, I am known.
Within the womb You formed my frame.
You saw my face, You knew my name. Your hands have woven me together. I am known. All-knowing Lord, You test my heart; You search out every inward part.
Where can I go, except to You, Lord. You alone. You are there.

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 brings fulfillment?
Scripture: John 13:1-5, 12-17
Pew Bible NT 131

***HYMN NO. 472** *Near to the Heart of God* McAFEE

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Tony Johnson

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.

***POSTLUDE** *Jubilation* Jason Payne

*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
Janis Barnett, Flute

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Acolytes & Crucifers
9:45 Hank Kessler & Charlie Gunter Vic Thompson
11:00 Charlie Gunter & Katherine Green Hannah Howton

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of Bill Sparks, given by Friends in Christ
In Memory of Larry Sanders, given by Friends in Christ

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good donuts are sponsored by
Kim Holby in honor of Jeff Holby

SYMPATHY

To Dian, Cassidy, and Avery Johnson on the death of Dian's mother and Cassidy and Avery's grandmother, Marie Teague
To Linda Bennett on the death of her husband, Don Bennett
To Shirly Riggs on the death of her husband, Rusty Riggs

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/

Riverchase Women's Ministry Announcement

I'm excited to announce that our own Lynn Roebuck will be spearheading our Women's Ministry (Riverchase Women). Our newly restructured Women's Ministry will include our annual Women's Retreat, annual Salt and Light Dinner and pop-up events.

Moving into the future all things related to Riverchase Women will be run through Lynn, so the left hand always knows what the right hand is doing. This will include all speakers, fundraisers and pop-up events. We believe this will enhance Riverchase Women and will take this ministry to the next level.

This volunteer position is something we have needed for some time, and we're excited to have Lynn say yes to this important role. If you need to contact Lynn please email her at RiverchaseWomen@riverchaseumc.org

Stay tuned...

-Tony

Tried-N-True Consignment Sale - September 15th - 20th

TNT is the Day School's largest fundraiser. It provides funding for ministries and events at the Church as well as throughout the community. They are in need of volunteers to make the sale a success. Please check out the website to volunteer: https://www.riverchase-tnt.com/

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!

November Save the Date

- As you probably know, November 5th is a big day for our country.
- Every November in a presidential election year has been!
- So, on November 4th we'll open the Sanctuary for a specified time for prayer.
- Save the date!

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

WAYS TO GIVE

ENGAGE
Engage is a safe and secure on-line giving portal that integrates with our church management system. Payments can be set up as a one-time gift or to recur (weekly, semi-monthly, monthly, quarterly), can be made either from a credit card or a bank account, and can be made "as a guest" without creating an account. You can reach Engage at https://engage.suran.com/rumcal/.

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:
engage.suran.com/rumcal
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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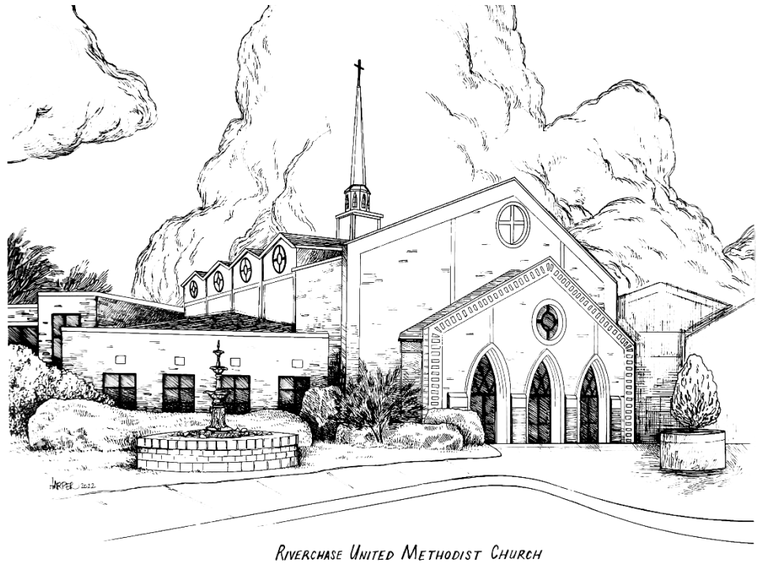

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Our mission is to make disciples by Sharing the Joy of Christ!

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