ORDER OF WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 22, 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 *In the Garden* arr. James Michael Stevens
Kathy Wallace, Piano Janis Barnett, Flute

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN NO. 61** *Come, Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed (9:45) Rev. Nancy Harper
(11:00) 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 grade 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 Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *I Will Be A Child of Peace* arr. Elaine Hagenberg
O Holy Father I will be a child of peace and purity,
For well I know Thy hand will bless the seeker after righteousness.

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 Embracing Change without Fear Rev. Tony Johnson
Culture
Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14
Pew Bible OT 97

***HYMN NO. 431** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* WORLD PEACE

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Tony Johnson

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

***POSTLUDE** *Come, Thou Almighty King* arr. Douglas Wagner

*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
Vic Thompson, Organ
Kathy Wallace, Piano
Sanctuary Choir
Janis Barnett, Flute

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Acolytes & Crucifers
9:45 Lane & Rebecca Kaufhold Bill Allen
11:00 Lane & Rebecca Kaufhold Joseph Kaufhold

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In loving Memory of my husband, Jim Holsonback, given by Sally Holsonback
In Memory of Shirley Ray, given by Friends in Christ

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good donuts are sponsored by the Explorer Sunday School Class

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

We are in need of help in the following areas:

Door Greeters on Sunday Mornings
We need smiling faces to be Door Greeters for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays at the 9:45 Traditional Service Contact Cathy Hayhurst at CathyH@riverchaseumc.org if you would like to volunteer.

Flower Guild:
The Flower Guild has a few openings for volunteers. If you would enjoy being a part of this group that selects and arranges the flowers and/or delivers any left arrangements on Mondays to Senior Living facilities or shut-ins, please contact Judi Douglas at jbdouglas4516@yahoo.com for more information.

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/

Back To School Buddies - September 1st - September 26rd

We are again helping Urban Ministries provide "back to school" clothing for children and youth living in Birmingham. Sign up is on our website; sign up for a child, receive information about sizes and preferences, shop, and bring the clothing back to the church between September 22 and 26 (in the Welcome Center on Sunday, in the church office Mon-Thurs). Clothing will be delivered to Urban Ministries on Sept. 27. For more information visit our website www.riverchaseumc.org/event

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

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! This is a free event but please let us know you are coming and sign up to help set up/ greet/ tear down. For more information visit www.riverchaseumc.org/event

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
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