ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Cindy Berry
Michael Allen, piano

*__HYMN NO. 415__ *Take Up Thy Cross* GERMANY

***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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE Daniel deShazo

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

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.

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.

ANTHEM *Prayer of Mother Teresa* Craig Courtney

Lord, help me spread your fragrance wherever I go. Flood my soul with Your Spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that my life may be only a radiance of Yours. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I know will feel Your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only you. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Keith Owens

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 RESPONSE

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *In the Shadow of the Cross* Lee Dengler

In the shadow of the cross, underneath its mighty arms, there is refuge for the soul. There is shelter from life's harm. For the One who suffered there has redeemed us from despair. Come and rest in the shadow of the cross. In the shadow of the cross on that lonely afternoon, when the sun had fled the sky and the air was filled with doom, there I saw, with tear-filled eyes, Christ became our sacrifice. There is freedom in the shadow of the cross. In the shadow of the cross, let us rest our weary souls, for upon it, Christ the Lord has fulfilled salvation's goal. In the shadow of the cross, let us lift our eyes to see Christ the Lord who is our Light, from the dark has set us free. Let us never leave the side of the One who is our guide. Let us live in the shadow of the cross.

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY** HAMBURG

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 *Called to a Better Life: Called to Contentment* Rev. Tony Johnson
Exodus17:3-7
Pew Bible OT 68

***HYMN NO. 301** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* NEAR THE CROSS

NEW MEMBER (9:45) Julie Johnson

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

***POSTLUDE** Prelude in D Minor J. S. Bach

*Please stand as you are able.

Communion will be served in the prayer chapel after the 9:45 service.

* *

Musicians
Daniel deShazo, Minister of Music and Worship Arts
Walt Rogers, Organ
Kathy Wallace, Piano
Sanctuary Choir
Michael Allen, Piano

* *

Acolytes & Crucifers
9:45
11:00 Mae Margaret & Veda Carden Henry Collis

* *

WELCOME

We're so glad that you've chosen Riverchase UMC this morning where our mission is to Share the Joy of Christ. We hope you'll stay after the 8:30 and 9:45 services and enjoy free coffee and donuts in our Welcome Center.

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 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, either proprietary or using Zelle ©. 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 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 (205) 253-7030. 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 (205) 253-7030.

ON-LINE GIVING:

ENGAGE is an online system that allows you to manage your own information in the church's database of addresses and phone numbers, allows you to see contact information for other church attenders who are in the same groups that you are, can be bookmarked to your phone's home page for easy access, and is our portal for on-line giving.

Go to riverchaseumc.org/engage, riverchaseumc.org/give, or engage.suran.com/rumcal. Create an account linked to your email address, use the Create a Gift button to give as a guest, or scan the QR code below.

Give Online

NEW! You can now use PayPal to donate! Go to paypal.me/RiverchaseUMC, or using the PayPal app, send money to @RiverchaseUMC. You can also use the QR code below.

NEW! NEW! Venmo for Non-Profits donations can be sent from your Venmo account. Our Charity account name is @RiverchaseUMC.

venmo

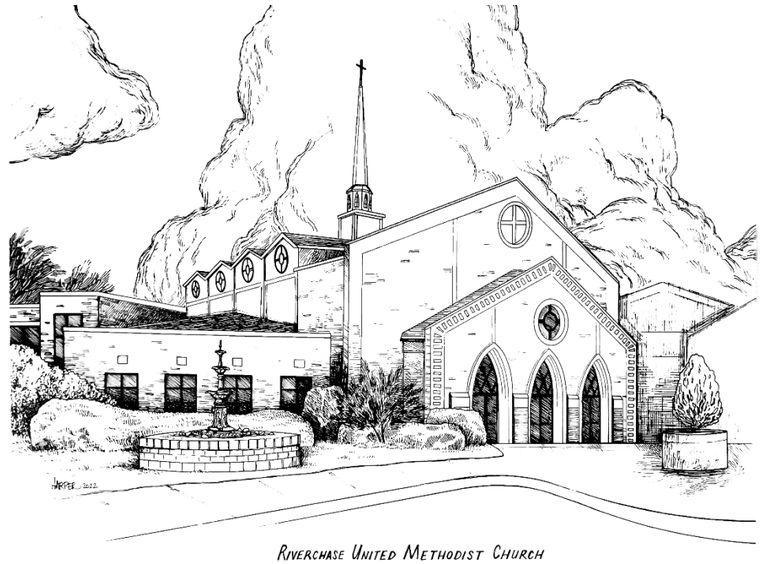
ALTAR & NARTHEX FLOWERS

In celebration of the ministries of this church, and our life together, given by Ruth Howald and Scott Montgomery
In memory of Donnie Rotch and Terry Parker, given by the Richard Rotch family
In celebration of Natalie Raley's birthday, given by Roy Tofflemire and Sandi Raley

SYMPATHY

To Gina Blake on the death of her son, Morgan Blake.

RIVERCHASE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Riverchase United Methodist Church

March 12, 2023

Third Sunday in Lent

9:45 & 11:00A.M.

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

Riverchase United Methodist Church
1953 Old Montgomery Hwy, Hoover, AL 35244
Telephone: 205-987-4030
www.riverchaseumc.org

facebook.com/riverchaseumc
instagram.com/riverchaseumc
youtube.com/riverchaseunitedmethodistchurch