ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 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 *Ave Maria* Bach/Gounod
Serghei Tanas, violin

*__HYMN NO. 400__ *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:45) Rev. Nancy Harper

Alex Gregory Lobdell
son of Chad & Kelly Lobdell
brother of Wyatt Lobdell

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

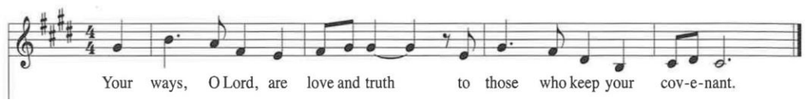
People: We do.

Leader: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Alex Gregory now before you in your care?

People: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Alex Gregory, 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.

PSALTER Psalm 25



Verse: O Lord, make me know your ways. Teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation.

Verse: Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. In your merciful love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

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 *Shalom* Dan Forrest
Sanctuary Choir; Serghei Tanas, violin
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you: Peace. Shalom.
Not as this world gives, I give to you, do not be afraid.

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 Purity* Rev. Tony Johnson
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Pew Bible OT 322

*__HYMN NO. 451__ *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

__INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP__

__BENEDICTION__

__CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE__

Prone to wander, Lord. I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

__POSTLUDE__ *Toccata on 'Foundation'* arr. Gordan Young

*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
Serghei Tanas, Violin

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

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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.

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ALTAR & NARTHEX FLOWERS

In memory of Doc and Susie Green, given by Dianne and Joel Roberts
In memory of our son "Trey", Ernest Edward Patterson, III,
given by Pat and Debbie Patterson
In celebration of Susan Clopton's birthday, given by the JOY Sunday School Class

NEW MEMBER

Please welcome new member, Julie Johnson

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