ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 5, 2026

9:30 & 11:00A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Nancy Harper

PRELUDE *"America, the Beautiful"* arr. Christina Harmon
Clark French, Trumpet

† **HYMN NO. 698** *God of the Ages* NATIONAL HYMN

SERMON Our Hope is in Christ Alone Rev. Rachel Gonia
Scripture: Romans 7:15-25a
Pew Bible: NT 191

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Rachel Gonia

OFFERTORY *Battle Hymn of the Republic* arr. Wilhousky
(Please sing as led)

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

† **DOXOLOGY** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

†**PASSING OF THE PEACE** Rev. Nancy Harper

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

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Nancy Harper

HYMN NO. 696 *America the Beautiful* MATERNA
(Please Remain Seated)

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain; for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CONFESSION AND PARDON (9:30) Rachel Gonia
(11:00) Rev. Nancy Harper

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

People: **Merciful God,**
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

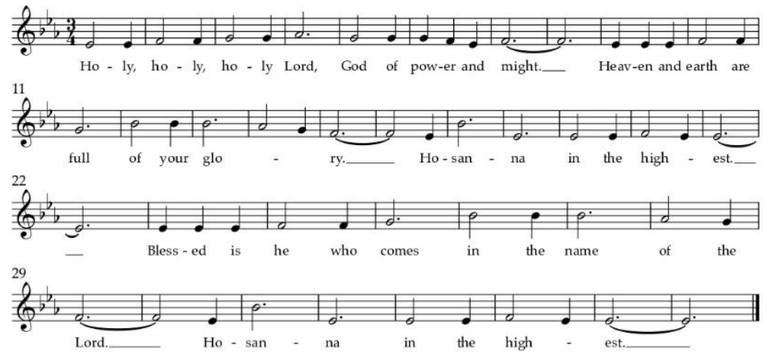
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God
and spoke to us through the prophets.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

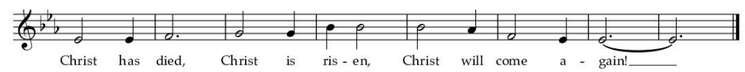
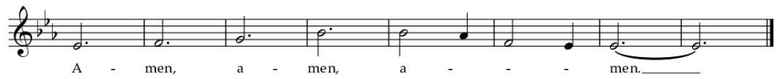


Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives,
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and juice.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

† **HYMN NO. 437** *This Is My Song* FINLANDIA

†**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

†**BENEDICTION** (9:30) Rachel Gonia
(11:00) Rev. Nancy Harper

†**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, may the rain fall softly on your fields, and until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

POSTLUDE "Allegro masetoso with arr. Jeff Perks
'Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing'"

Hearing Devices are available near the Ushers table in the Narthex

† Congregation stands, **Bold** congregation reads aloud, ***Bold Italic*** congregation sings.

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Musicians
Daniel deShazo, Director of Music and Worship Arts
Walt Rogers, Organ
Kathy Wallace, Piano

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DONUT SPONSOR

Today's Lickin' Good Donuts are sponsored by Discovery Sunday School Class

SYMPATHY

To Karen Ray on the death of her uncle, Dave Reynolds

ANNOUNCEMENTS: For all upcoming events and for a current list of all prayer concerns please visit our website: riverchaseumc.org
RSM - Magic City Work Week - July 12-17th
Sewing Pop Up – July 18th
Advent in July- July 25th

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 Cathy Sarris at CathyS@riverchaseumc.org. If you'd prefer to talk to someone then feel free to call the church office at 205-987-4030.

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 9:30 AM - 12:15 PM.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each Sunday at 9:30AM, 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

9:20-9:30 AM - Drop off in Sunday School Classroom
9:35 AM - All classes gather in the Children's Worship Center for Large Group
10:00 AM - All classes return to their classrooms for Small Group
10:30 AM - Pick up in Sunday School Classroom.

WAYS TO GIVE

Automatic Bank Draft:
Set up a monthly recurring ACH gift with the church office or use services provided by your bank for automated giving.
Online Giving:
Use our website riverchaseumc.org/give to set up a one-time or recurring payment from your bank account, credit card or debit card.
Cash or Check:
You may place your cash or check in the offering plates as they are passed or mail to the church office.

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