ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 12 , 2025

9:30 & 11:00A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *Beautiful Savior* arr. James Sweringen
Riverchase Instrumental Ensemble

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

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Roman Creed Rev. John Ray

Leader:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

People:

No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanks be to God! 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.

WELCOME Rev. Tony Johnson

MEET & GREET Rev. Tony Johnson

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Nancy Harper

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Nancy Harper

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.

HYMN NO. 454 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* OPEN MY EYES
(Please Remain Seated)

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *Here I Am Lord* arr. Jack Schrader

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!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Tony Johnson

SERMON Haunted by Regret Rev. Tony Johnson
Overcoming Life's Greatest Obstacles
Scripture: 2 Sam 11: 1- 5
Pew Bible: OT 352

† **HYMN NO. 593** *Here I am, Lord* HERE I AM, LORD

During this hymn, we invite you to be in a time of prayer. If so led, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to pray.

† **INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

† **BENEDICTION** Rev. Tony Johnson

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

† **POSTLUDE** *Toccata on 'Foundation'* arr. Gordan Young

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

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Musicians
Martez Tidwell, Guest Conductor
Walt Rogers, Organ
Kathy Wallace, Piano
Sanctuary Choir
Riverchase Instrumental Ensemble

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of my parents, Ola and Ben Chapman by Bob Chapman
"Speaking for all of RUMC" in honor, love and gratitude for Rev. John Ray

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good Donuts are sponsored by the Aims Sunday School Class

SYMPATHY

To Dave, Lindsay & Hank Kessler on the death of Dave's mother, Catherine Kessler
To Betty & Ron Summers on the death of Betty's Sister, Imogene Hoffman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

www.riverchaseumc.org

2026 Flower Dedications
We will be taking 2026 Flower dedications in the Welcome Center

41 Series - How to Invite Someone to a Riverchase Event

- As the Christian Church, we always harp on the invitation...
  - But seldom teach you creative ways to do it...
    - Whether it's worship or other events...
- That all changes at Riverchase on Wednesday Night, October 15 at 6 PM.
- Best part:

- I'll do it in 41 minutes or less.
- Offer my "You'll learn one new thing" guarantee.
- There is no follow-up...
  - It means there is no long-term commitment.
  - Just Wednesday for 41 minutes or less.

- Together we'll explore:
  - The "why" of the invitation...
  - Church trends – things are looking up...
  - Biblical models...
  - We'll even do a little role playing – guaranteed to make you laugh...
    - Only for those willing to volunteer...
- I'll reveal the secret of how I offer an invitation...
  - Examples that you can modify for yourself, so you'll always be ready.
  - Ones that have worked for me over the years.

Register on the website, so we know you're coming. **www.riverchaseumc.org**

Block Party Volunteers

October 19, 4:00- 6:00PM. We need volunteers to make our Block Party a success! Please sign up to help on the website.

Great Day of Service

Please join us for Great Day of Service on Saturday, October 18th, starting at 8:00 AM. Come and help take care of our campus. Breakfast will be served. Sign up to help on our website.

Health & Wellness Pop Up- Oct14 6:00PM in the Fireside Room.

Lauren Maloney PHD Licensed Psychologist Grayson & Associates

> Adolescence is a transformative period marked by emotional, physical, and psychological changes. As teens navigate academic pressures, social dynamics, and identity development, their mental health can be significantly impacted. Supporting adolescent mental health requires a proactive approach that includes fostering healthy habits, teaching effective coping skills, maintaining open communication, and recognizing when professional help is needed.

This event is free, but please let us know you are coming by registering.
www.riverchaseumc.org

RUAF Golf Tournament- October 23 9:00AM Riverchase Country Club

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.

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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.

Engage PayPal Venmo

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

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