ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 5, 2025

World Communion Sunday

9:30 A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *The Gift of Love* arr. Daniel Kallman
Jaimie Harper, Tenor Saxophone

† **HYMN NO. 547** *O Church of God, United* ELLACOMBE

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!

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Reid Turner

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Reid Turner

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. 144 *This Is My Father's World* TERRA BEATA
(Please Remain Seated)

This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *Great is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Dan Forrest

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!

SERMON Just One More Thing Bishop L. Jonathan Holston
Scripture: Romans 8:31-39
Pew Bible: NT 191

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Nancy Harper

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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

† **INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

† **BENEDICTION** Rev. Tony Johnson

† **CHORAL RESPONSE**

† **POSTLUDE** *Praise God* arr. Fred Bock

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

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Musicians
Daniel deShazo, Minister of Music and Worship Arts
Walt Rogers, Organ
Kathy Wallace, Piano
Sanctuary Choir
Jaimie Harper, Tenor Saxophone

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Acolytes & Crucifers
Luke Bridges & Sam Wheat Cathy Henry

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Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

Bishop L. Jonathan Holston became resident bishop of the North Alabama and Alabama-West Florida Conferences on September 1, 2024, serving the Alabama Panhandle Episcopal Area. He previously led the South Carolina Annual Conference from 2012–2024, having been overwhelmingly elected to the episcopacy on the first ballot at the 2012 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

A native of Georgia, Bishop Holston holds a B.A. in religion from the University of Georgia and a Master of Divinity in biblical studies from Gammon Theological Seminary (ITC), Atlanta. Before his election, he served as senior pastor of St. James UMC in Atlanta and superintendent of the Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford District. Earlier appointments included Clifton UMC, Marietta Street UMC, and associate director of the North Georgia Conference Council on Ministries.

He has served the wider church in numerous leadership roles, including the General Council on Finance and Administration, the Board of Global Ministries, the Southeastern Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, and disaster relief ministries through UMCOR and Church World Service. A recognized mission specialist, his service has taken him to Uganda, Costa Rica, Haiti, Honduras, Zimbabwe, Kenya, India, China, and Hong Kong.

Bishop Holston was a delegate to multiple General, Jurisdictional, and World Methodist Conferences.

He is married to the former Felecia Brown, and they have two adult children, Karlton and Brittany.

ALTAR FLOWERS
In great appreciation for our Greeters and Ushers
In celebration of our 40th wedding anniversary,
given by Nancy & Alan Zeigler

DONUT SPONSORS
This week's Lickin' Good Donuts are sponsored by the Crosspoint Sunday School Class.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

www.riverchaseumc.org

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 8 OR 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

Block Party Volunteers

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.

Save the dates:

Health & Wellness Pop Up- Oct14
RUAF Golf Tournament- October 23

For a current list of all prayer concerns visit
www.riverchaseumc.org/prayers/

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.

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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9:30 A.M.

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

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