ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 18, 2025

11:00 A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *When Morning Gilds the Skies* arr. Jason Payne

† **HYMN NO. 89** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

† **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.

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.

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

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. 399 *Take My Life and Let It Be* MESSIAH
(Please Remain Seated)

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *Grace* arr. Mark Hayes

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 Love Requires Work Rev. John Ray
Scripture: John 13: 31-38
Pew Bible: NT 132

† **HYMN NO. 378 vs 1, 2, 5 & 6** *Amazing Grace* AMAZING GRACE

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. John Ray

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

† **POSTLUDE** *Trumpet Tune on 'Westminster Abbey'* arr. Westenkuehler

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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

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Acolytes & Crucifers
Lane & Rebecca Kaufhold Joseph Kaufhold

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of my husband Howell White and my brother, Dana Johnson, given by Janet White
In celebration of Hannah Kate's 13th birthday given by Mom, Dad, Jack, Grandmommy, and Granddaddy

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good donuts are sponsored by the Faith Sunday School Class.

SYMPATHY

To Mary Anne Levet & her husband Stephen, on the death of Mary Anne's father, Sherman Cook.

To Karen & John Ray and family on the death of Karen's aunt, Mildred Reynolds.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Have you ever wanted to make beautiful flower arrangements? Here's your opportunity! We have openings on the Flower Guild. No experience is necessary, and we provide a fun and inviting atmosphere in which to learn. If you think this is something you'd be interested in or would even like to try, please contact Sally Dumais at hospitality@riverchaseumc.org or call 205 223-3514.

We are also in need of volunteers to work and sub in the office answering phones and greeting visitors. If you would be willing to volunteer in the office, please contact Joan Garrette at sagarrette@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For all upcoming events please visit our website www.riverchaseumc.org/news/

RIVERCHASE MEN

The Riverchase Men will be meeting for lunch on May 20, 2025 at 11 AM at El Jalisco Mexican Restaurant. All men are invited. Please register to attend at riverchaseumc.org/news

RIVERCHASE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

41 HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

Want to know more about how to study the bible? How did the Bible come to be? Where do I start?

This is a **one-night** workshop dedicated to learning about the Bible. Whether you are Biblically illiterate or well-versed, you will learn something guaranteed.

This workshop will be held on May 21 at 6 pm in the Riverchase Room B. Register today at www.riverchaseumc.org/bible-studies/

BOARD OF STEWARDS

There will be a Board of Stewards meeting on June 3rd at 6:00PM in the Upper Room.

Riverchase Children's Ministry

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking to host 300 children on our campus this summer and we need your help to have a safe and successful event for them! We have opportunities from Crew Leaders or Craft Leaders to help with Snacks for our Kiddos and volunteers. It's a great way to meet new people within our church and serve our kids, as they learn to build their Friendship with God! Join us!
Contact Kristi Rodgers kristir@riverchaseumc.org at if you have any questions. Register to help on our website.

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.

Alternative Gifts:
Make a gift of stock, real estate, life insurance or other asset. Contact the church office for more information.

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

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