

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Confirmation Sunday

May 18, 2025

9:30 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

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.

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 Passing the Baton Rev. Seth Moon Scripture: Act 2:1-7 Pew Bible: NT 144

RECOGNITION OF CONFIRMATION TEACHERS Rev. Seth Moon

PROFESSION OF FAITH & CONFIRMATION VOWS Rev. Tony Johnson (Confirmands only)

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

As members of Christ’s universal church, will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I will.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, That you may live in grace and peace.

(Confirmands stand)

As a community of faith: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

(Confirmands and Congregation)

Do you believe in God the Father?

Confirmands and Congregation: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Confirmands and Congregation: I believe 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, died and was buried. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father; and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands and congregation: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Do you, as Christ’s body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (to the Confirmands) (Congregation only)

And now for our Congregation, let us welcome our brothers and sisters to this Community of Faith:

Do you, as Christ’s body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care? We will.

With God’s help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

THE COMMENDATION AND WELCOME (Confirmands stand) (Congregation only)

Members of the household of God, I commend to your love and care these persons, whom we, this day, receive into the membership of this congregation.

Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregational Response: We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. With God’s help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal. Amen.

RECEIVING OF THE 2025 CONFIRMATION CLASS Rev. Seth Moon

Laura Rose Boullion	Magnolia Anne Moon*
Julia Ann Echols	Charles Wilson Moran
Waylon Richard Glass	Ella Noel Pate
Charles David Hartselle	Karley Mae Roberson*
Liam Parker Helms	Henry Maxwell Schach*
Aleph Treelore Johnson	John Beckett Schroeder*
Charles Lanahan Livingston	Harrison Matthew Smith
Claire Elizabeth Livingston	Madison Elizabeth Viers
Bradley Allen Moon	Lydie Ruth Wesley

*will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism

† HYMN NO. 378 vs 1 & 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. Tony Johnson

† 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

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

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

Acolytes & Crucifers
Beverly Bridges & Elizabeth Green Joseph Kaufhold

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.

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



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



41 HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE
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.



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

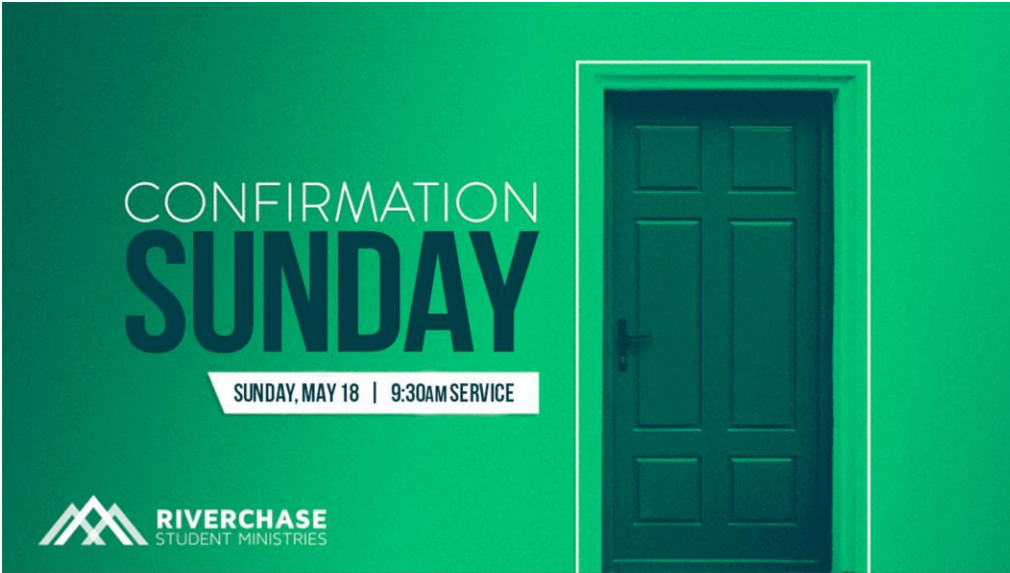
WAYS TO GIVE

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.



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

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