ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 25, 2025

9:30 & 11:00A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *Hymn for a Nation* arr. Gilbert Martin

† **HYMN NO. 159** *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

† **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 (9:30) Rev. Reid Turner
(11:00) Rev. Nancy Harper

PASTORAL PRAYER (9:30) Rev. Reid Turner
(11:00) 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. 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 *Write Your Blessed Name* K. Lee Scott

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved, that no prosperity, no adversity shall ever move me from your love.

Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress, and a faithful guide to the courts of heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life. O Jesu, my only Savior! Amen.

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 Not So Fast Rev. Tony Johnson
Things You Thought Were In The Bible
God won't give you more than you can handle...
Scripture: 1 Cor 10:11-13
Pew Bible: NT 209

† **HYMN NO. 140** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

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**

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is the faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

† **POSTLUDE** *Toccata on 'Lyons'* arr. Penfield

† 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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Acolyte
9:30 Hank Kessler
Crucifer
Cathy Henry

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Beth Carden, given by Byron Carden
In celebration of our 10th wedding anniversary, given by Daniel deShazo

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good donuts are in appreciation of our wonderful Music Ministry given by the Aims Sunday School Class.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed Monday May 26
in observance of Memorial Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

BOARD OF STEWARDS MEETING

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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.

Open Position - Director of Financial Stewardship & Development. Riverchase UMC is looking to hire someone to be responsible for planning, implementing, directing, and evaluating the overall Financial Stewardship programs for Riverchase United Methodist Church and its ministries. Go to www.riverchaseumc.org/careers/ for this and other career opportunities

ART WITH CAROLINE

Join Riverchase Women for a fun and inspiring Art With Caroline event! RUMC's very own talented Caroline Trewhella, will provide step-by-step instruction along with all the materials you need to create something special. Just bring your creativity—we'll handle the rest! June 8 from 4:00PM- 5:30PM in the Office Upper Event Room. Please register 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.

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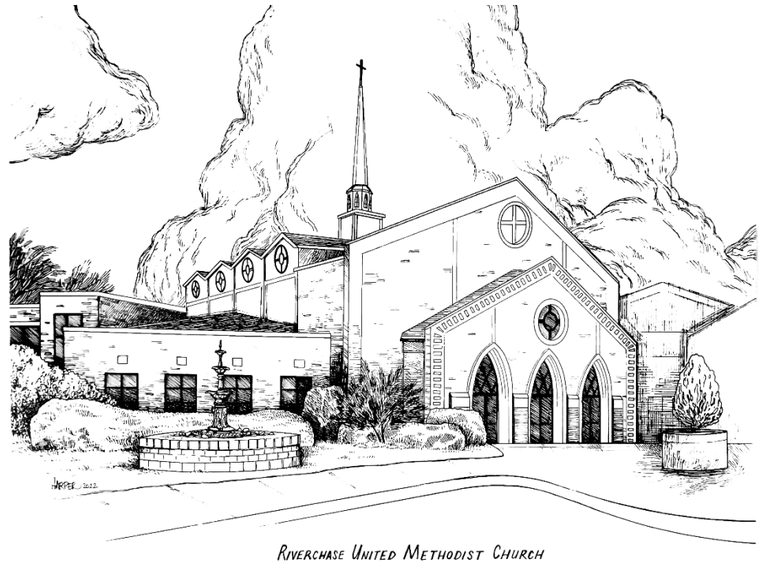

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Our mission is to make disciples by Sharing the Joy of Christ!

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