ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 15, 2025

9:30 & 11:00A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Almighty King* arr. Cindy Berry
Michael Allen, Piano

† **HYMN NO. 144** *This Is My Father's World* TERRA BEATA

† **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

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!

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. 133 *Leaning On The Everlasting Arms* SHOWALTER
(Please Remain Seated)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:
Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
(Refrain)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Tony Johnson

SERMON Not So Fast Rev. Tony Johnson
Things you thought were in the Bible
Love the Sinner and Hate the Sin
Scripture: Matthew 22:36-40
Pew Bible: NT 30

† **HYMN NO. 77** *How Great Thou Art* HOW GREAT THOU ART

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**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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how great thou art, how great thou art!

† **POSTLUDE** *Psalm XIX* Benedetto Marcello

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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
Michael Allen, Piano
Sanctuary Choir
Catherine Bates, Horn

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Acolytes
9:30 Hank Kessler

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of our Dad, Burt Linthicum, the light in our family that still shines bright today. Given by his daughters Karen and James Whittington and Sharon and Brian Sanders.

In loving memory of my husband, Jim Holsonback, by Sally Holsonback

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good donuts are in celebration of RUMC Children's Ministry given anonymously.

TWO SERVICES ON SUNDAY, JULY 6TH

Two Services on Sunday, July 6th!

Holiday weekends usually mean a few more empty seats, so we're planning ahead with two great services on Sunday, July 6th:

🕘 9:30 AM – Traditional Service

🕚 11:00 AM – Modern Service

JUST FOR CLARIFICATION, THERE WILL NOT BE AN 11:00AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE.

And before you panic—yes, donuts and coffee are still on the menu. 😊

If you're traveling that weekend, we hope you had a fun and restful holiday.

But if you're in town, we'd love to see you in worship!

See you then, Tony

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

RIVERCHASE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Announcing our interim Director of Financial Stewardship and Development

Robert Altman, a long time Riverchase partner, will now be our interim Director of Financial Stewardship and Development effective immediately.

Robert will be responsible for planning, implementing, directing and evaluating the overall Financial Stewardship programs for Riverchase and its ministries.

He brings a wealth of knowledge in these areas. Robert had a long and successful career in the financial planning sector and will be using those skills at Riverchase. Now he'll be using that knowledge to help us become a better church.

If you know Robert, take time to thank him this Sunday.

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

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