

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 27, 2025

11:00A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

INTROIT

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† HYMN NO.

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angels’ wings; I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

James Cole Morris

Son of Victoria and Stuart Morris

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

People: We do.

Leader: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include *James Cole*, now before you in your care?

People: With God’s help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that *James Cole* surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod; With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29:11

Rev. Tony Johnson

REFLECTION

“Out There”

ANTHEM

Out There

Daniel deShazo & Cameron Corbitt

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Rev. Reid Turner

Ever Creating and Almighty God,

We give You thanks this morning for Your holy presence in our lives and in our church.

Open our hearts and minds for worship today.

Where we feel despair, grant us hope.

Where we are blind to the sacred, grant us vision.

Where we are wandering, grant us blessed purpose.

Where we doubt, grant us an ever-growing faith.

By your Holy Spirit, may we be drawn together as Your people,

ever ready to worship, to pray, to hear, to receive. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:16-17

Rev. Reid Turner

REFLECTION

“Heaven’s Light”

ANTHEM

Heaven’s Light

Cameron Corbitt, Soloist

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 5:7-10

Rev. John Ray

REFLECTION

“God Help the Outcasts”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

God Help the Outcasts

Jada Cato, Soloist

GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6: 20b-23a

Rev. Nancy Harper

REFLECTION

“Someday”

ANTHEM

Someday

Abby Sandlin & Martez Tidwell

BENEDICTION

Rev. Tony Johnson

ANTHEM

Finale

† 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

Sanctuay Choir

Riverchase Orchestra

Cameron Corbitt, Soloist

Jada Cato, Soloist

Abby Sandlin, Soloist

Martez Tidwell, Soloist

LYRICS

Out There

Frollo: The world is cruel. The world is wicked. It's I alone who you can trust in this whole city. I am your only friend. I who feed you, keep you, dress you. I who look upon you without fear. How can I protect you boy unless you always stay in here, away in here. Remember what I taught you Quasimodo: You are deformed, and you are ugly; and these are crimes for the world shows little pity. You do not comprehend. Out there they'll revile you as a monster. Out there they will hate and scorn and jeer. Why invite their curses and their consternation? Stay in here, be faithful to me, grateful to me. Do as I say, obey and stay in here.

Quasimodo: Safe behind these windows and these parapets of stone, gazing at the people down below me. All my life I watch them as I hide up here alone, hungry for the histories they show me. All my life I memorize their faces, knowing them as they will never know me. All my life I wonder how it feels to pass a day, not above them but part of them! And out there, loving in the sun. Give me one day out there. All I ask is one to hold forever. Out there, where they all live unaware what I'd give, what I'd dare just to live one day out there! Out there among the millers and weavers and their wives, through the roofs and gables I can see them. Every day they shout and scold and go about their lives, heedless of the gift it is to be them. If I were in their skin I'd treasure every instant out there. Strolling by the Seine, taste a morning out there like ordinary men who freely walk about there. Just one day, and then I swear I'll be content with my share, won't resent, won't despair, old and bent, I won't care, I'll have spent one day out there.

Heaven’s Light

So many times out there, I’ve watched a happy pair of lovers walking in the night. they had a kind of glow around them. It almost looked like heaven’s light. I knew I’d never know that warm and loving glow, though I might wish with all my might. No face as hideous as my face was ever meant for heaven’s light. But suddenly an angel has smiled at me and touched my face without a trace of fright. I dare to dream that she might even care for me, and as I ring the bells tonight, my cold dark tower seems so bright. I swear it must be heaven’s light.

God Help the Outcasts

I don’t know if you can hear me, or if you’re even there. I don’t know if you would listen to a gypsy’s prayer. Yes I know I’m just an outcast, I shouldn’t speak to you. Still, I see your face and wonder, were you once an outcast too? God help the outcasts, hungry from birth. Show them the mercy they don’t find on earth. God help my people, they look to you still. God help the outcasts, or nobody will.

Parishioners: I ask for wealth. I ask for fame. I ask for glory to shine on my name. I ask for love I can press. I ask for God and His angels to bless me.

Esmerelda: I ask for nothing, I can get by. But I know so many less lucky than I. Please help my people, the poor and dowered. I thought we all were the children of God. God help the outcasts, children of God.

Someday
Esmerelda: I used to believe in the days I was naive, that I'd live to see a day of justice dawn. And though I will die long before that morning comes, I'll die while believing still, it will come when I am gone. Someday, when we are wiser, when the world's older, when we have learned. I pray someday we may yet live to live and let live. Someday, life will be fairer, need will be rarer, greed will not pay. Godspeed this bright millennium, on its way. Let it come someday. When the world's older, when things have changed. Someday these dreams will all be real. Till then we'll wish upon the moon. Change will come one day, someday soon.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In celebration of our 45th wedding anniversary on July 19th,
given by Glenn and Amy Morgan.
In celebration of Jack's 11th birthday! Given by Mom, Dad, Hannah Kate,
Grandmommy and Granddaddy

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good donuts are given by the Scrubs Sunday School Class

SYMPATHY

To Dave & Pam Roberts on the death of Dave's brother-in-law, Tom Durkin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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



Save the Dates:

- Women's Salt & Light Dinner, August 10, 5:00PM in Riverchase B
- Come Together BBQ Picnic Dinner, August 13, 6:00PM in the Gym

Labor Day Weekend Worship Schedule

This year on Labor Day Sunday, August 31, we will have one exciting, Traditional and Modern combined service at 11AM in the Sanctuary.
There will be some acoustic music as well as traditional music as we have done in the past with great success.



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.

Tom

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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