ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 10, 2025

9:30 & 11:00A.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. Jayson Payne

† **HYMN NO. 92** *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

† **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

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING Rev. Tony Johnson

A blessing for all those involved in our school systems: teachers, students, administrators, and staff will be recognized.

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. 389 *Freely, Freely* FREELY FREELY

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you,
To share his love as he told me to.

He said, 'Freely, freely you have received;, freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name
in earth and heav'n in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you,
To share his pow'r as he told me to.

He said, 'Freely, freely you have received;, freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Tom Fettke

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 Blessing of the City and Schools Rev. Tony Johnson
Scripture: Acts 5:33-40
Pew Bible: NT 149

† **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 hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

† **POSTLUDE** *Postlude on 'Old Hundredth'* arr K. Lee Scott

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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 & Crucifer
11:00 Henry Collis

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In loving memory of Barbara & Scott Baldwin, given by Dale Baldwin
In celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary by Anna and Randy Batten

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good Donuts are for Sharing the Joy of Christ
given by Randy & Anna Batten

SYMPATHY

Sympathy to Grady and Phyllis Stone and family on the death of Grady's sister, Peggy Knowles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

RIVERCHASE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Last Call for our Come Together BBQ Dinner

Please Join us on Wednesday, August 10 at 6:00PM. Yes, there will be BBQ with all the fixings—but that's just the beginning. Join us as we Come Together to cast vision for Riverchase UMC through 2026. Here's what's happening:

- Unveiling the meaning behind our new theme and logo
- Ministry leaders sharing dreams and next steps
- Updates on the future of Missions
- Preview of new Wednesday night opportunities
- A performance by our Children's Choir
- A new 12-month generosity mindset
- Exciting direction for small groups and discipleship

Want to be in the know? This is the night. Please register on the website. Deadline to register is Monday August 11 at noon.

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.

Fall Bible Studies

We're excited to share our new fall Bible Study lineup! Check out our website riverchaseumc.org/bible-studies to register for classes.

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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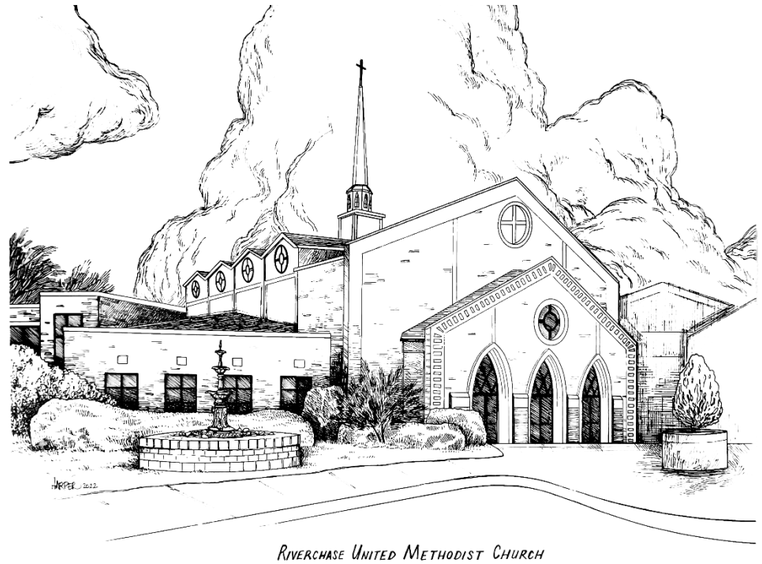
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

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