ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 3, 2025

9:30 & 11:00A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *Largo* Geroge Frederic Handel

† **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

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ANTHEM *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. Joel Raney

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

PASTORAL PRAYER (9:30) Rev. Reid Turner
(11:00) Rev. Nancy Harper

HYMN NO. 454 *Open My Eyes That I May See* OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *Festival Piece on St. Anne* Eugene Butler

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!

† **SCRIPTURE** Matthew 26:26-28 NIV Rev. Tony Johnson

26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." 27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

REFLECTIONS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CONFESSION AND PARDON Rev. John Ray

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

People: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

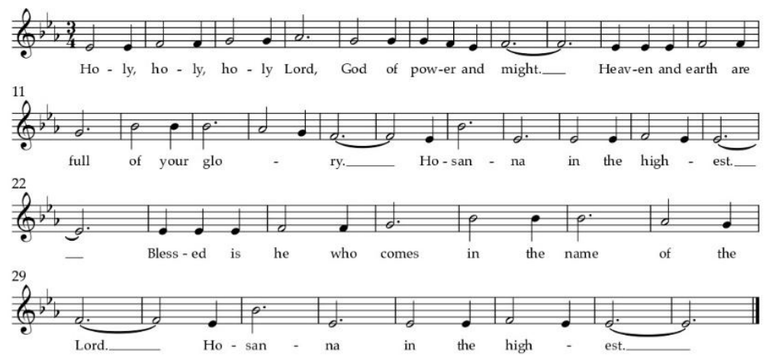
All: Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Rev. Nancy Harper

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through the prophets.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives,
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."
When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and juice.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

† **HYMN NO. 715** *Rejoice The Lord is King* DARWALL'S 148TH

† **INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

† **BENEDICTION** Rev. Tony Johnson

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

† **POSTLUDE** *All My Hope on God is Founded* arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

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

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In gratitude to our teacher, Mark Bourgoin by the JOY Sunday School Class
In Loving memory of Peggy and John Little by Dianne and Joel Roberts.

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

RIVERCHASE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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.

Riverchase Women Salt & Light Dinner

Saturday, August 10 - 5 PM

Last day to register, please visit our table in the Welcome Center between services.

Make your reservations now for a special evening of faith, fellowship, and food! You won't want to miss this meaningful night designed to uplift and inspire.

Come and be refreshed—body and soul!

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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