ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 14, 2025

9:30 & 11:00A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *How Firm a Foundation* 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

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

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. 496 *Sweet Hour of Prayer* SWEET HOUR

(Please Remain Seated)

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

COME TOGETHER STORY Natalie & Morgan French

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *Praise His Holy Name* Keith Hampton
Cameron Corbitt, Soloist

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 Come Together... Rev. Tony Johnson
Honoring Our Journey, Continuing Our Legacy
Witness
Scripture: Matt 4:18-22 & 2 Cor 8:1-7
Pew Bible: NT 5 & 222

ANTHEM *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Tom Trenny
Daniel deShazo, Soloist

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

Generosity Commitment Cards
During this hymn, we invite you to bring your Generosity Commitment Card and Volunteer Card to the altar and deposit them in the baskets. Please fold cards so that no personal information is showing.

† **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 thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

† **POSTLUDE** *Trumpet Voluntary* Jeremiah Clarke

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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
Cameron Corbitt, Soloist

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Acolytes & Crucifers
Luke Bridges

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In gratitude for our precious grandchildren, Carlisle and Lucille,
given by Mitch and Stephanie Forester
In celebration of our grandsons, Christopher, Zeke, and George,
given by Stuart and Joan Garrette

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good Donuts are sponsored by the Crosspoint Sunday School Class

BIRTHS

To Tami, Heaven & Jeremy Holby, on the birth of Isaiah Pierce Levi Holby
To David & Laura McGarr on the birth of their son, James McGarr
To Barbara Henry on the birth of her 4th granddaughter Layla Abigail Ferrell

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

RIVERCHASE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

RDS TNT Needs help today

Riverchase Day School's TNT sale...
Each year we hold a massive consignment sale for the community. Funds collected help offset various costs that materialize throughout the year.
This Sunday after the 11am services you have an opportunity to serve by helping with the setup of the sale that begins next week.
Make plans to come in whatever you are wearing or bring a change of clothes and let's pitch in and lend a hand for a great cause.
Stay as long or as little as you can, every little bit helps. Please meet in the Welcome Center at 12:00PM.

SAVE THE DATES:

Great Day of Service- October 18
RUMC Block Party- October 19
RUAF Golf Tournament- October 23

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.

Engage | PayPal | Venmo

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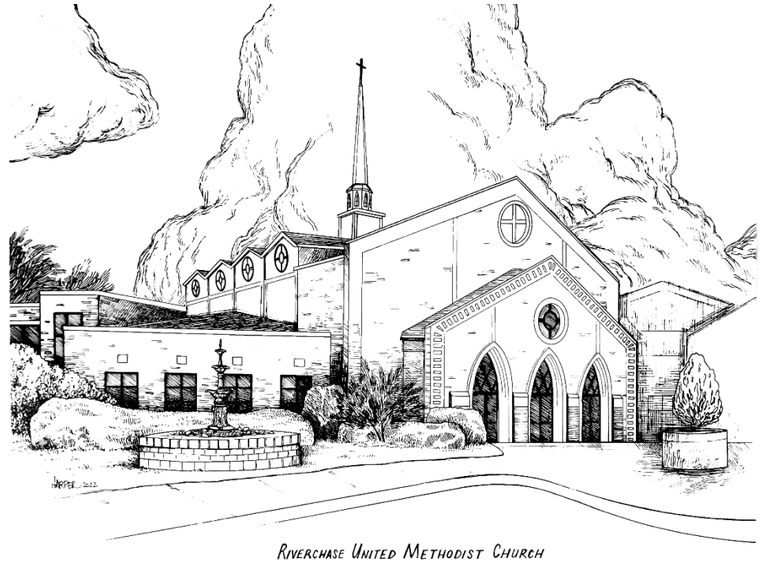
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

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