ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 7, 2025

9:30 & 11:00A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Jason Payne

✝ **HYMN NO. 400** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

WELCOME Rev. Tony Johnson

MEET & GREET Rev. Tony Johnson

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS (9:30) Rev. Reid Turner
(11:00) Daniel deShazo

THIRD GRADE BIBLES (11:00)

Luke Bridges	Abby Edgar	Carter Blair Hall
Nina Rose Johnson	Rebecca Kaufhold	Grayson Lee
Grant Peavy	Asa Perry	Hollis Phillips
Maddux Ramsay	William Davis Rehm	Roman Oleksandr Rudyshyn
Cole Venezia	William Viers	Sam Wheat

PASTORAL PRAYER (9:30) Rev. Reid Turner
(11:00) Rev. John Ray

HYMN NO. 378 *Amazing Grace* AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

COME TOGETHER STORY Mitch & Emily Witcher

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *The Lord's Prayer* Marianne Forman

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!

SERMON Come Together Rev. Tony Johnson
Honoring Our Journey, Continuing Our Legacy
Scripture: Mark 10:35-45
Pew Bible: NT 57

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: Now let us confess our sin in a moment of silence.

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!

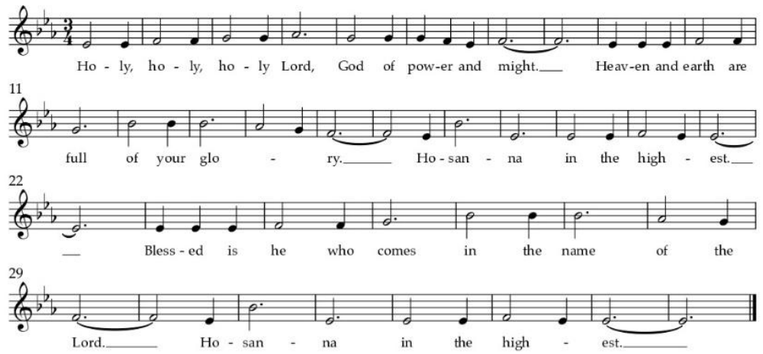
All: Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (9:30) Rev. Reid Turner
(11:00) Rev. John Ray

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. 369** *Blessed Assurance* ASSURANCE

† **INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

† **BENEDICTION** Rev. Tony Johnson

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

† **POSTLUDE** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Michael Costello

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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 & Crucifers
Lane & Rebecca Kaufhold Joseph Kaufhold

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ALTAR FLOWERS
In great appreciation for our Greeters and Ushers

DONUT SPONSORS
This week's Lickin' Good Donuts are given anonymously for the Joy of Christ.

SYMPATHY
To Jerry & Shannon Mosely on the death of Jerry's father, Jerry Mosley, Sr.

BIRTH
The rosebud on the altar is for Thomas & Sharley Luther and Mark & Amy Luther on the birth of Mark Thomas Luther, Jr, Thomas & Sharley's son and Mark and Amy's grandson.

BOARD OF STEWARDS
There will be a Board of Stewards Meeting on September 9 at 6:00PM in the Upper Room.

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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