

Traditional Service of Worship

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

11:00 a.m.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Holy Manna

Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out a Connect Card—available in the pews (drop it in the offering plate) or digitally via the QR code at the bottom right of this bulletin.

INTROIT

Thankful

Kids Choir

Soloists: EJ Waters and Theo Henderson

Frank

*HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 384

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Please respond by reading the bold text aloud)

Leader: Set down the noise. Turn toward God. Listen.

People: **The Lord speaks peace to those willing to hear.**

Leader: We don't gather to stay the same. We gather to be shaped by the truth.

People: **Teach us your way. Make us faithful. Lead us in what is good.**

Leader: Let us return. Let us listen. Let us learn.

All: **God, restore in us what brings life to the world.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (THE APOSTLES’ CREED)

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

No. 70

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.

*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Let no one be a stranger in the house of God. Please greet those around you.

*HYMN

Alleluia (verse 1)

No. 186

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:12-17

LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING (CHILDREN’S MESSAGE)

Families and educators are invited forward for a special prayer. All kids are invited to grab a worship bag (or coloring supplies) and remain in the sanctuary as part of worship. The nursery is open and available for kids four and younger.

ANTHEM

Suite No. 1 in G major

Nina Bledsoe Knight, Viola

Bach

PRAYER AND 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.

OFFERTORY

Awake, My Heart

Chancel Choir

Marshall

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you have given us so much. Receive these gifts and use all that we share to bring hope, healing, and love in Christ’s name. Amen.

*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION

No. 68

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

(verses 1-2, 4-5)

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 85:8-13

LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

“Return”

Rev. Emily Knight

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

No. 181

Ye Servants of God

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

Parks

*Congregation, please stand as you are able.

Worship Attendance - August 2, 2026

Contemporary Worship - In-person	55
Contemporary Worship- Online	4
Traditional Worship - In-person	71
Traditional Worship - Online	16
Total Worship	146

Serving in Worship Today

Welcome back Pastor Emily and Chancel Choir!

9 a.m. Contemporary Service

Nursery Helper: Sharon Joos

Greeters: Judy & Danny Marks, Pam Pearsall

Tech Team: Tami Crowell, Brandon Whitley

11 a.m. Traditional Service

Nursery Helper: Sharon Joos

Greeters: Nancy & Charlie Schubiger

Tech Team: Miranda Snipes, Brandon Whitley

Ushers: Radley Remo, Karen Western

Liturgist: Avery Garner

Crucifer: Quinton Scott

Acolytes: Caden & Mason Bridges

Kids Choir Directors: Nancy Newman, Millie Russell

What’s Happening Today?

Worship: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. (Room 202 & 204)

Youth Group: 10:00 a.m. (Room 302)

Kids Club: 10:00 a.m. (Room 402)

Kids Choir: 10:30 a.m. (Room 403)

What’s Happening This Week?

Sisters of Service Outing: Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Tai Chi: Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. & Thursday at 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday Night Meals Served 5:15 p.m. (McCord Building)

Chancel Choir: Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. (Room 501)

Mental Health & Wholeness: Friday at 12:00 p.m. (Library)

In Honor and Memory:

The flowers on the altar are given to celebrate the return of Pastor Emily and the Chancel Choir.

We light our memorial candle to honor the life of Kim Cope and mark our loss, trusting that she is now restored and made whole in the peace of Christ.

Our new microphones for the children’s choir are given in memory of Marilyn ‘Lyn’ Lewis who loved hearing children sing in church.

Meals Served Last Week: 128

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9am CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

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Gather with Song

God So Loved - We The Kingdom
Welcome

Scripture

Colossians 3:12-17

Praise You Anywhere - Brandon Lake

Greet One Another in Christ

Where I Belong - Building 429

Children's Message (Back to School Blessing)

Families and educators are invited to come forward for a prayer this morning. We love worshipping together as a church family, so children are invited to stay in the sanctuary during the service. Worship bags and coloring supplies are available and the nursery is open for children ages 4 and under.

Announcements

(Please fill out a Connect Card located in the pew pocket.)

Prayers of the People

Please join the response for each section of prayers:
Leader: God of grace. **People:** Hear our prayer.

Offer Gifts to God

How He Loves - McMillan

Proclaim God's Word

Psalms 85:8-13

"Return"

Rev. Emily Knight

Benediction and Sending

Thankful - Forrest Frank

Kids Choir

Soloists: EJ Waters and Theo Henderson



YOUTH GAME NIGHT!

Saturday,
Aug 22nd 3-8pm
6th-12th graders

Email Bobby:
youth@
riversideparkumc.com

Grace Gallery

New Exhibit for August & September
featuring the art of Contessa Visuals by
Tessa McCorkle



MENTAL HEALTH AND WHOLENESS

next gathering:

Friday, August 14 @ Noon

Special Guest: **Steve Hart, Pastor & Attorney**
Advocate for clients with Baker Act cases



Margaret's Memories Bracelet Making

Sunday, August 23rd
Drop In 9am - 1pm
Fellowship Hall



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

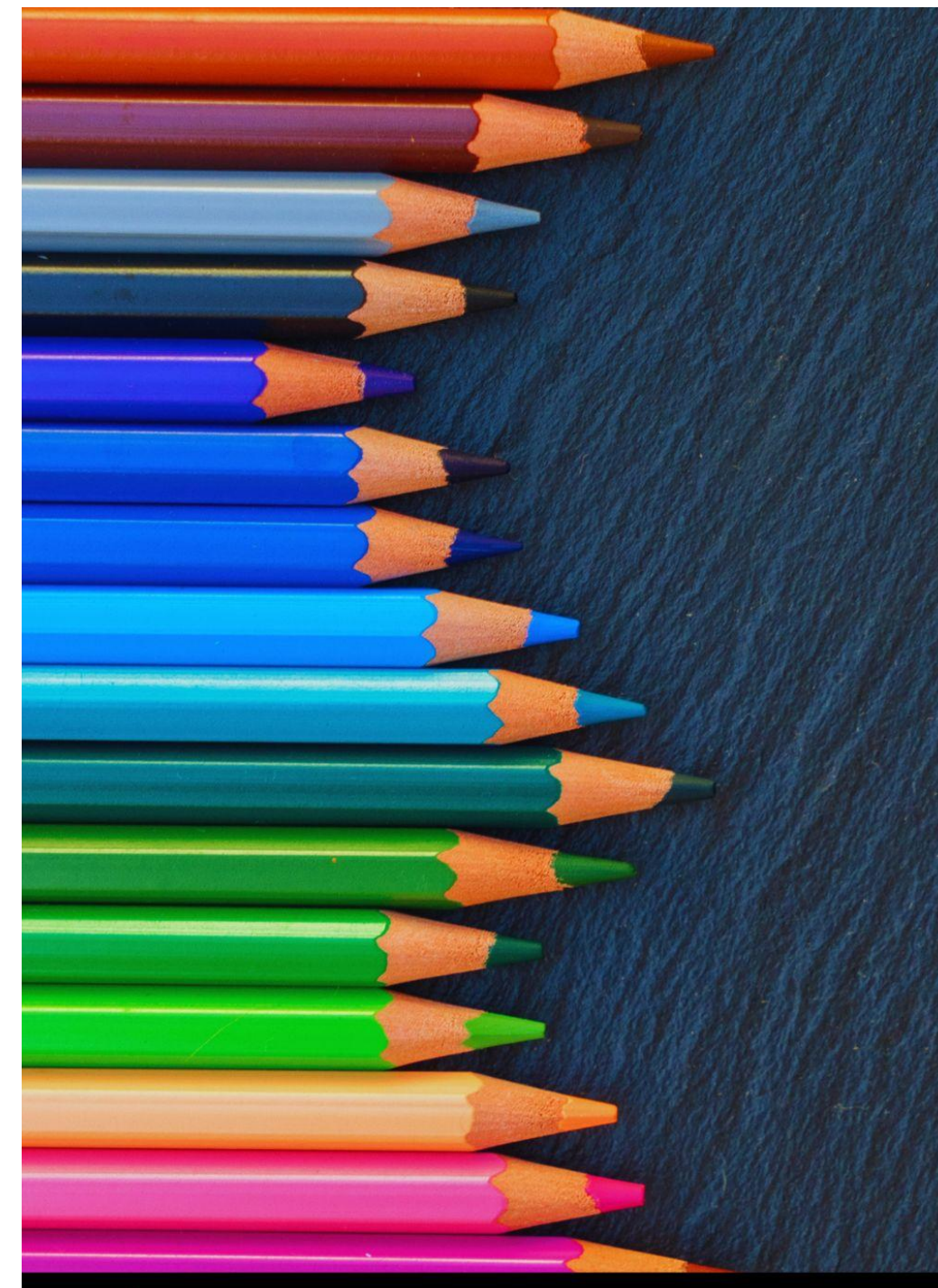
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Sunday, August 30 @ 10am
RHAMES FELLOWSHIP HALL

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