

Traditional Service of Worship

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 202611:00 a.m.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDEDickens
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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

*HYMNN o. 694
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Please respond by reading the bold text aloud)
Leader: When the world tells us the story is over,
People: We look again for the work of God.
Leader: When we see only what is broken,
People: We watch for what God is making new.
Leader: When we are tired and tempted to walk away,
People: Give us eyes to see, hearts to hope, and hands to serve.

*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.

*HYMNN o. 593
Here I Am, Lord (refrain only)

SCRIPTUREIsaiah 43:16–19
LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
We value the gift of generations, so 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 years old and younger.

ANTHEMHandel
The Faithful Shepherd
Brenda Scott

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.

OFFERTORYPederson
Come By Here
Chancel Choir

*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. 405
Seek Ye First

SCRIPTUREMatthew 13:31-32
LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: Rev. Emily Knight
“Thought We Were Done”

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 277
Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDEPage
Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*Congregation, please stand as you are able.

Worship Attendance - August 16, 2026

Contemporary Worship - In-person	61
Contemporary Worship- Online	7
Traditional Worship - In-person	122
Traditional Worship - Online	11
Total Worship	201

Serving in Worship Today

- 9 a.m. Contemporary Service**
Nursery Helper: Sharry Bible
Greeters: Rick Bible, Kevin Crowell
Tech Team: Barbara Merton
- 11 a.m. Traditional Service**
Nursery Helper: Sharry Bible
Greeters: Emily Rehberg, Harriet Thurgood
Tech Team: Misty Laforty, Rhys Weisman
Ushers: Niel Fleming, Radley Remo, Miranda Snipes, Karen Western
Liturgist: Teresa Meyers
Crucifer: Wyatt Snipes
Acolytes: DJ Flagler, Kara Manning

What’s Happening Today?

- Worship: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- Bracelet Making for Margaret’s Memories: 9-1 (Fellowship Hall)
- 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?

- 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)

Altar Flowers:

The flowers on the altar are given to express gratitude for the gift of grace by Kaityn Fuller.

Meals Served Last Week: 140

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9am CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

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Welcome to Riverside Park United Methodist Church

If you would like to share a prayer request or receive church updates, please fill out a Connect Card—available in the pews (drop it in the offering plate) or digitally via the QR code on the inside right corner of this bulletin.

Gather with Song

Roar - Tim Timmons

Welcome

Scripture

Isaiah 43:16–19

Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come) - Passion

Greet One Another in Christ

Christ Be Magnified - Selah

Children's Message

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Announcements

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offer Gifts to God

Great Are You Lord - All Sons & Daughters

Proclaim God's Word

Matthew 13:31-32

"Thought We Were Done"

Rev. Emily Knight

Benediction and Sending

The Plans - Maverick City



Margaret's Memories Bracelet Making

TODAY
Drop In 9am – 1pm
Fellowship Hall



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

HOSTED BY: UMM

Sunday, August 30 @ 10am

RHAMES FELLOWSHIP HALL



FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

Returns Friday, September 4th at 11:00 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee,
Chatting, & The River City Dulcimer Group
followed by lunch at Noon



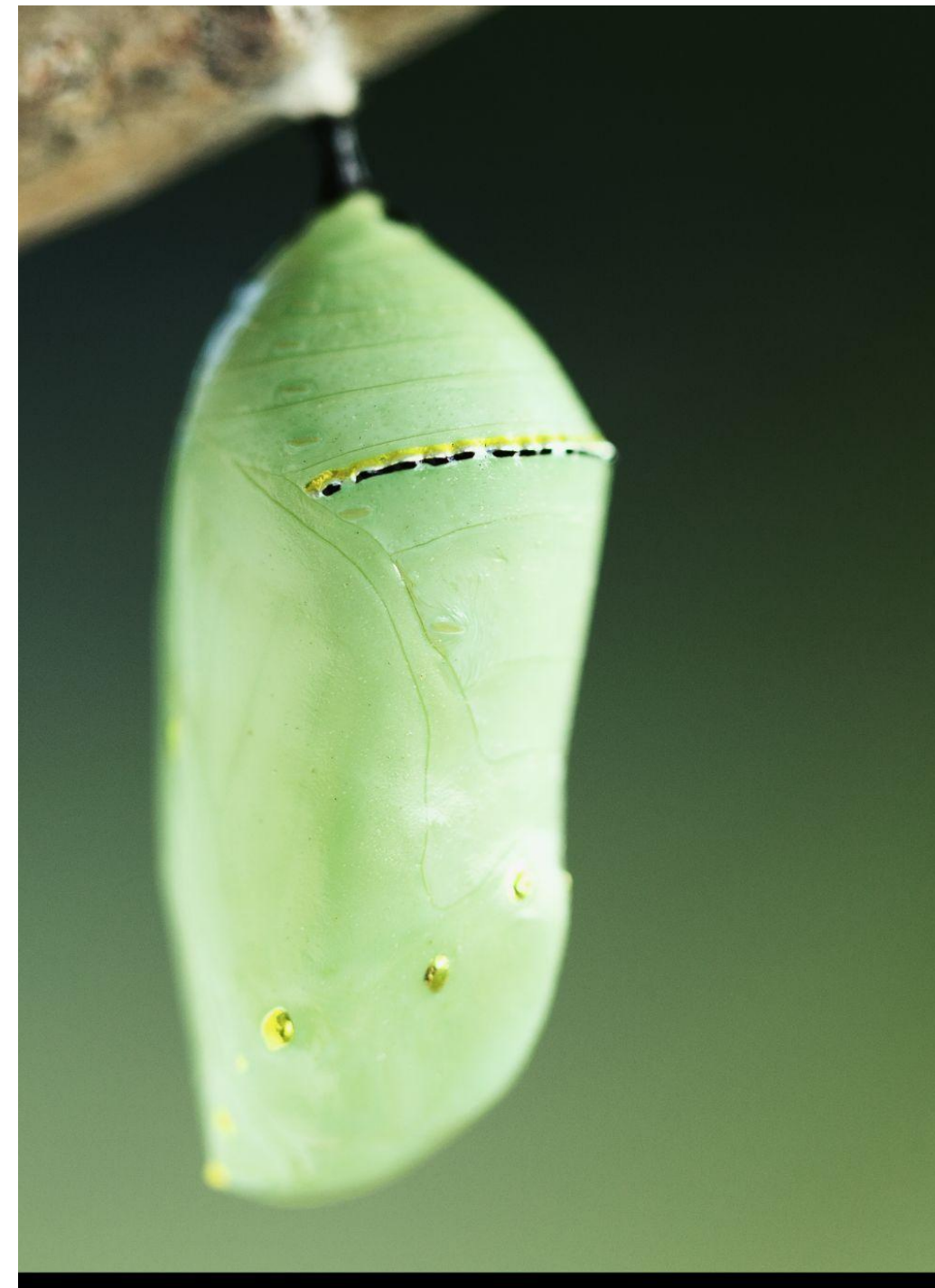
PAUL FEY
ORGAN CONCERT
SEPT. 18th 7:00 p.m.

Riverside Park UMC

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