



December 24, 2020

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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Christmas Eve

GATHERING MUSIC *“Early On One Christmas Morn”* 3rd service ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Isaiah 9*

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them has light shined.

Leader: For unto us a child is born, to us a Son is given;

**People: And he shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

CAROL #234 *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* Charles Dickerson

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

(Refrain) O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;

O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

(Refrain) O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Loving God, we gather in the joy and wonder of this night. Yet we know that many of your children are anxious and afraid. We long for stability and peace, in our lives and in the world. Yet the seeds of conflict remain within us. Forgive us, O God. Lead us to the manger, to show us your grace in humility and weakness. Draw us closer to you, and closer to one another. Help us to see your face in every member of the human family. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Mark Roulette

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: News, news! Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jonathan Chute

ANTHEM

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” - arr. R. Robinson
Merrietta Fong, Kathy Kerstein, Annette Matsuda

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

April Herron

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.**

CAROL #217

“Away in a Manger”

Charles Dickerson

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

“O Holy Night”

Jessica Tisdale

DOXOLOGY #95

Charles Dickerson

**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.**

SCRIPTURE

- Luke 2:1-7

The journey to Bethlehem

Mark Roulette

SONG

“Some Children See Him”

3rd service ensemble

- Luke 2:8-20

Shepherds hear and tell the Messiah’s birth

Mark Roulette

MEDITATION

“In Person”

Jonathan Chute

CAROL #246

“Joy to the World”

Charles Dickerson

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.
He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE/BENEDICTION

Jonathan Chute

CAROL #239

“Silent Night”

3rd service ensemble

3rd service ensemble:

Paula Kuno – guitar/mandolin/vocals, *Teresa James* – piano/flute/vocals

Michael Starr – guitar/violin/mandolin/vocals, *Zach Provost* – piano/vocals

Cory Tramontelli – bass/vocals, *Jack Sollecito* – percussion/guitar/piano

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus

Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director

Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse

Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director

Debra DeLuca, Children’s Ministry Director

Kristin Rekse, Youth Ministry Director

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor

Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director

Althea Waites, Organist

Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music

John Fitzgerald, Treasurer

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Peggy Roulette, Church Office Admin.

Miguel Portillo, Custodian