



“Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children,
and live in love, as Christ loved us...”

- Ephesians 4:5

August 8, 2021

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

August 8, 2021

8:30 and 10 a.m.

PRELUDE

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 130:5-7)

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits.

People: In God's word I place my hope.

Leader: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

People: Our hope is in God's steadfast love and great power to redeem.

*HYMN #384

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" vs 1 & 2

Charles Dickerson
& Abigail Whitman

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Merciful God, we hear your call to live in love as Christ loved us. Our ears perceive these words in our worship; our minds know what they mean; our hearts long to follow them; but we know that tomorrow we will be tempted to slip into the familiar life where we ourselves are at the center of our world and the needs we focus on are almost entirely our own. Strengthen our resolve to love as Christ loves, for it is in the name of Jesus that we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#662

**Stand up and bless the Lord,
Ye people of his choice;
Stand up and bless the Lord your God
With heart and soul and voice.**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH & VBC CELEBRATION SLIDE SHOW

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

*The children are invited to gather in front of the steps for a brief sermon and prayer.
Afterward, they may leave for Sunday School or stay for the rest of the service.*

ANTHEM

“ Lord, I Want to be a Christian ”
Charles Dickerson & Abigail Whitman

Althea Waites

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Jonathan Chute

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.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

*DOXOLOGY #95

Charles Dickerson & Abigail Whitman

**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

Ephesians 4:25-5:3

Guidelines for Christians

Susan Deo

SERMON

“ Rules But No Referee ”

April Herron

*HYMN #399

“Take My Life And Let It Be” vs 1 & 2

Charles Dickerson
& Abigail Whitman

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.**

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

Althea Waites

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 Reksc, 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
Nicole Lowery Zakman, Church Business Mgr.
Roksolana Vecerek, Exec. Asst. to Pastor
Peggy Roulette, Church Office Admin.
Miguel Portillo, Custodian