



“Let the little children come to me; do not stop them;
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”

- Mark 10:14

October 3, 2021

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

October 3, 2021

World Communion Sunday

8:30 and 10 a.m.

As we gather please silence cell phones.

*Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 98

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

People: Break forth into joyful song, and sing the praises of the Lord.

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and all who dwell in it.

People: Let the waters clap their hands, and the hills sing for joy before the Lord.

*HYMN #101

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

Charles Dickerson

Abigail Whitman

**From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land, by every tongue.**

**Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word.
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.**

**In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong;
In cheerful sounds all voices raise, and fill the world with loudest praise.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Dear God, for the day you have given us, we thank you. For your gifts of life and love, labor and rest, we praise you. Forgive us that often we fail to see the goodness all around us; that we feel alone when there are many who love us; that we despair when your strength is near. Tear down the walls between us, make strong the ties that bind us, and help us to walk together with joy in all your ways; through the grace of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Linda Fester

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jonathan Chute

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

"Like as a Father" – A. Lovelace

Charles Dickerson

Abigail Whitman

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.**

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

Mark 10:13-16

Jesus blesses the children

Linda Fester

SERMON

"The Children's Table"

Jonathan Chute

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

April Herron

Leader: The Lord of all creation be with you.

People: The Lord, the source of all diversity, be also with you.

Leader: Friends around the world, lift up your hearts.

People: From east and west, from north and south, we lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: We come to God's table giving thanks for God's mercy.

People: It is right to give thanks in every language on earth.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

(As you come forward to receive the elements, those wishing to make a communion offering may place their gifts in the baskets near the front of the two side aisles.)

*HYMN #437

"This Is My Song"

Charles Dickerson
Abigail Whitman

**This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.**

***BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

POSTLUDE

Althea Waites

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
Rev. 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