



“And the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.”

- Acts 1:26

May 16, 2021

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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 1

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or walk in the way of sinners, or sit with those who mock our God.

People: Their delight is in the law of the Lord; they meditate on it day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water.

People: They bear their fruit in season; their leaves do not wither.

Leader: The wicked are like dry chaff that the wind blows away.

People: The Lord watches over the righteous; the way of the wicked cannot last.

*HYMN #369

"Blessed Assurance"

Charles Dickerson

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: God of life and hope, we realize that we are not always open to your leading. We would rather control our schedules than trust in your timing. It is hard for us to let go of our plans when you point us in new directions. Forgive our hesitation. Keep working on us and in us, for we know that we are not finished. Lead us in your grace and peace always. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Claire McCurry

*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

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Jonathan Chute

ANTHEM

“Bless This House” – M. H. Brahe

Charles Dickerson

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

**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

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

A replacement for Judas is chosen

Claire McCurry

SERMON

“Meanwhile...”

Jonathan Chute

*HYMN #547

“O Church of God, United”

Charles Dickerson

**O church of God, united to serve one common Lord,
Proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day
With strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.
May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one,
Close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed Son:
To bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,
That souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.**

*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

“The Sweetest Thing”

3rd service ensemble

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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
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