



I pray...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith,  
as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

- Ephesians 3:16-17

**July 25, 2021**

**ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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## OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

July 25, 2021

8:30 and 10 a.m.

*As we gather please silence cell phones.*

\*Standing - if comfortable

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PRELUDE

Wendell Phipps

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*(based on Psalm 14)*

Leader: God keeps company with those who follow God's ways

**People: The Lord is a refuge for those who are vulnerable.**

Leader: God is a source of deliverance for those who suffer.

**People: The Lord restores life and hope; God's people rejoice!**

\*HYMN #111

*"How Can We Name a Love" vs 1 & 2*

Charles Dickerson  
& Abigail Whitman

**How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind,  
Indwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find?  
Within our daily world, in every human face,  
Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the common place.**

**If we awoke to life built on a rock of care  
That asked no great reward but firm, assured, was simply there,  
We can, with parents' names, describe, and thus adore,  
Love unconfined, a father kind, a mother strong and sure.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Eternal God, in the midst of an often chaotic world, you have planted in us the ability to discern good from evil. Grant us sincerity of heart and mind so that, amidst things ephemeral and deceptive, we may see your truth steadily, follow your light faithfully, and grow ever richer in that love which is the hope of all people. Through Christ Jesus our Savior we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Debra Shrader

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#191

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong: they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

*"The Love of God" – F. Lehman  
Charles Dickerson & Abigail Whitman*

Wendell Phipps

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Diane Rehfield

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

Wendell Phipps

\*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 3:14-21

A prayer for strength and faith

Debra Shrader

SERMON

*"The Prayer That Transforms"*

April Herron

\*HYMN #388

*"O Come and Dwell in Me"* vs 1, 2 & 3

Charles Dickerson  
& Abigail Whitman

**O come and dwell in me, Spirit of power within,  
And bring the glorious liberty from sorrow, fear, and sin.**

**Hasten the joyful day which shall my sins consume,  
When old things shall be done away, and all things new become.**

**I want the witness, Lord, that all I do is right,  
According to thy mind and word, well pleasing in thy sight.**

\*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

Wendell Phipps

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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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