



“He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.”

- Mark 6:8-9

July 4, 2021

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

July 4, 2021

Independence Day

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

As we gather please silence cell phone and pagers.

*Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 48

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;

God's holy mountain is the joy of the earth.

People: We give thanks for your steadfast love in the midst of your temple.

Leader: Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

People: You are our God, forever and ever. Wherever we go you will be our guide.

*HYMN #696

"America the Beautiful"

Charles Dickerson

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Most gracious God, we confess that we are burdened by excess baggage as we travel the roads you send us down. We become caught up in the trappings of religion, rather than rejoicing in the life of faith. Too often we wish to be served, rather than to serve. Forgive us when we make our lives more complicated and difficult than is helpful. Surround us with your mercy and grace, so that we can bring healing and hope to others. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Chris Larson

*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

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

***BENEDICTION AND 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