



“I beg you to lead a life with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another in love, making every effort
to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

- Adapted from Ephesians 4:1-3

August 1, 2021

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

August 1, 2021

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 51

Leader: God desires truth in our inward being

People: May we gather wisdom from God's word for us today

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God

People: And grant us a new and right spirit within

*HYMN #114

"Many Gifts, One Spirit" vs 1 & 3

Charles Dickerson
and Abigail Whitman

God of change and glory, God of time and space,

When we fear the future, give to us your grace.

In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise.

(Refrain) **Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.**

In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise on Giver,

One Lord, one Spirit, one Word known in many ways,

Hallowing our days. For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,

You are still creating endless love and light.

This we see, as shadows part, many gifts from one great heart.

(Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Holy God, you call us to speak the truth in love to one another, and to maintain a unity of Spirit and a bond of peace. Sometimes that is so hard to do! We feel threatened by the opinions of others. We sometimes feel threatened by the world around us and react out of fear. Help us to remember that we are a part of the body of Christ and members of your household. Help us to live in peace with one another, O God. 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

April Herron

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Diane Rehfield

*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.*

ANTHEM

“The Church of God Is One” – M. McDonald
Charles Dickerson and Abigail Whitman

Althea Waites

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

Charles Dickerson and 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 4:1-16

Unity in the Body of Christ

Claire McCurry

SERMON

“Tell Me More”

Diane Rehfield

*HYMN #620

“One Bread, One Body” vs 2

Charles Dickerson

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

April Herron

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

BLESSING AND SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*HYMN #555

“Forward Through the Ages” vs 1

Charles Dickerson
and Abigail Whitman

**Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
Manifold the service, one the sure reward.**

***(Refrain)* Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.**

*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