



“Therefore take up the whole armor of God...”

- Ephesians 6:13

August 22, 2021

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

August 22, 2021

8:30 & 10 a.m.

13th Sunday after Pentecost

As we gather please silence cell phones.

*Standing, if comfortable

PRELUDE

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: My soul longs for the courts of the Lord; I sing for joy to you, my God.

Leader: In your house even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow builds a nest.

People: Happy are those who dwell in your house, who find their strength in you.

*HYMN #435

“O God of Every Nation” vs 1 & 4

Charles Dickerson
& Abigail Whitman

**O God of every nation, of every race and land,
Redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
Where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,
In love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.**

**Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
When hatred and division give way to love and peace,
Till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
And Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: O God of grace and mercy, your love surrounds us each day. Forgive our reluctance to follow where you lead, along the paths of compassion and peace. Help us to let go of our fear and to trust in your steadfast love. Strengthen and encourage us for the journey of our lives, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Chris Hall

*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 CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM (10:00 a.m.)

Congregational Response: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround you with a community of love and forgiveness, that you may grow in God, and be found faithful in your service to others. We will pray for you, that you may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

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

“Be Strong in the Lord” – T. Fettke

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

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 6:10-20

The whole armor of God

Chris Hall

SERMON

“Personal Protective Equipment”

Jonathan Chute

*HYMN #514

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” vs 1 & 3

Charles Dickerson
& Abigail Whitman

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory his army shall he lead,
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.**

*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

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