



“From the same mouth come blessing and cursing.  
My brothers and sisters, this ought not be so.”

- James 3:10

**September 12, 2021**

**ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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## OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

September 12, 2021

8:30 and 10 a.m.

*As we gather please silence cell phones.*

\*Standing - if comfortable

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### PRELUDE

Althea Waites

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*adapted from Psalm 19*

Leader: The heavens tell of the glory of God; the sky proclaims God's handiwork.

**People: One day speaks to another, and each night shares knowledge with the next.**

Leader: All this takes place without human language; no one hears them speak.

**People: Yet their sound goes out to all the lands, their words throughout the earth.**

### \*HYMN #152

*"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"*

Charles Dickerson

Abigail Whitman

**I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,**

**That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.**

**I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;**

**The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.**

**There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,**

**And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;**

**While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;**

**And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Gracious God, you invite us to join with all creation to hear your words of wisdom and to follow your ways. We see the beauty of the world around us, from the warmth of the sun to the wonder of the stars. The same love that brought them into being is alive in us as well. Encourage us when we wander from your word, and follow the sound of other voices. Enable us to speak words of grace and truth, so that all may hear of the goodness of God. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

### SILENT PRAYER

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Ellen Brim

### \*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 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

*"You Are the Christ!"* – J. P. Martin

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 #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

James 3:1-12

The power of the tongue

Ellen Brim

SERMON

*"Tongue-tied"*

Jonathan Chute

\*HYMN #408

*"The Gift of Love"*

Charles Dickerson  
Abigail Whitman

**Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.**

\*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jonathan Chute

**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, 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