



“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me,  
and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

- Mark 9:37

**September 19, 2021**

**ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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## OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

September 19, 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

*from Psalm 1*

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked...  
or sit in the seat of scoffers.

**People: Happy are those who delight in the law of the Lord.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water.

**People: They yield their fruit in its season.**

\*HYMN #596

*"Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"*

Charles Dickerson  
Abigail Whitman

**Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee;  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee,  
By thy teachings sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.**

**Glorious Lord, thyself impart! Light of light, from God proceeding,  
Open thou our ears and heart; help us by thy spirit's pleading;  
Hear the cry thy people raises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Holy God, we confess our tendencies to put ourselves first. Grant us strength and courage to instead seek first your kingdom. Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world, and to be friends with the people you call us to serve. Cause us to remember that our best relationship is the one we have with you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Suellen Fung

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#598

**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.**

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

*"Just as I Am, I Come"* – V. Johnson

Charles Dickerson  
Abigail Whitman

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Jonathan Chute

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

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus teaches how to welcome God

Suellen Fung

SERMON

*"Who Is the Greatest?"*

April Herron

\*HYMN #438

*"Forth in Thy Name"*

Charles Dickerson  
Abigail Whitman

**Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;  
Thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.**

**The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
In all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.**

\*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

April Herron

**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