



*“But she answered him,
‘Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs...’”*

- Mark 7:28

September 5, 2021

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

September 5, 2021

Labor Day Sunday

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

As we gather please silence cell phones.

* Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 125

Leader: Those who trust in the Lord are like God's holy mountain,

People: Which stands firm and strong and abides forever.

Leader: As the mountains surround and protect the city of God,

People: So the Lord surrounds the people of God, from this time on and forevermore.

*HYMN #57

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" vs 1, 3 & 5 Charles Dickerson
& Abigail Whitman

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Gracious God, we give thanks that in Jesus Christ you seek to reconcile all people to one another and to you. Yet we confess that your new creation is not complete in us. Your children continue to feel the barriers that separate us. Forgive us, and fill us with your Spirit of unity and hope. Reveal those places where our pride and selfishness rebuild the walls you have torn down in Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Tony Moretti

*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

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" – arr. P. Drennan 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

- Mark 7:24-37

A woman of great faith

Tony Moretti

SERMON

"Dog Days of Summer"

Jonathan Chute

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.

(the pastor will offer a prayer of thanksgiving and the people shall say: Amen.)

BLESSING AND SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*HYMN #374

"Standing on the Promises" vs 1 & 2

Charles Dickerson
& Abigail Whitman

**Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.**

**(Refrain) Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.**

**(Refrain) Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jonathan Chute

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