



“Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’”

- Matthew 2:13

January 1, 2023

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS
8:30 & 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

January 1, 2023

First Sunday after Christmas/Epiphany

8:30 and 10 a.m.

*As we gather we hope you will visit quietly with friends.
Please silence cell phones.*

*Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE

“Sonata in G Minor”, mvt.2 – Clementi

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*adapted from Psalm 72**

Leader: Let the king judge the people with righteousness, and the poor with justice, O God.

People: May he defend the cause of the poor and deliver the needy.

Leader: Let the kings of Tarshish and faraway lands bring him gifts.

People: May all kings fall down before him, and all nations give him service.

Leader: For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

People: He redeems them from oppression and violence; they are precious in his sight.

*HYMN

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

#240

**Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,

Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: God of mystery and wonder, like wise travelers of old we come seeking you. We come from different places, with different questions before us. As they covered many miles in their search, some of us have journeyed for years in our own. We know you well, yet we don’t know you fully. We have seen you in Bethlehem and in our neighbors too. Help us to see you in all the places where you would make yourself known, so that we may bear witness to your truth and love. 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

Welcome pads are at the seats closest to the center aisle. Please share your name and any helpful information and pass down the row. Afterward please return to the aisle seat.

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

“O Holy Night” – A. Adam
Soprano 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

#95

**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

- Matthew 2:1-23

Wise travelers, a baby and an evil king

Claire McCurry
Pg. 2, New Testament

SERMON

“Different Paths”

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.

BLESSING AND SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

April Herron

8:30 – Roxanne Morse

10:00 – Patty Koester

*HYMN

“The First Noel”

#245

**The first noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep**

**(Refrain) Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.**

(Refrain)

**And by the light of that same star
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.**

***BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL 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

“Toccata in G Major” – J. S. Bach

Althea Waites

New to the Church?

We are grateful that we can worship together. Please use our digital welcome pad by opening the QR code. Thank you!



Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor
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