



“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.”

- Matthew 5:11

January 29, 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 29, 2023

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 E-Flat Major”, mvt 2 – Haydn Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 15*

Leader: O Lord, who may be a guest in your house, or dwell on your holy mountain?

People: Those who lead a blameless life, who proclaim the truth from their heart;

Leader: Those whose tongue is free from evil, who speak no ill against a neighbor;

People: Those who stand by a promise given, no matter the cost;

Leader: Those who cannot be bribed to testify against the innocent.

People: Whoever lives in your ways, O Lord, shall never be shaken.

*HYMN “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #140

Great is thy faithfulness, O God our Father;

There is no shadow of turning with thee;

Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;

As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

(Refrain) **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!**

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed thy hand hath provided;

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *(Refrain)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: O God, source of all wisdom and goodness, how often we substitute our hopes and plans for the way of life you show us in Jesus. Forgive us. Help us to see that we are surrounded by blessing even in the midst of our struggles. You offer the grace and hope we need each day. Empower us to live in the light of your love. Open our hearts to the simple, loving ways Christ taught. In his name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Susan Deo

*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 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 “Blessed Are You” – C. Courtney Chancel Choir

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 5:1-12 Jesus blesses and teaches Pg. 4, New Testament Susan Deo

SERMON “Counting God’s Blessings” Jonathan Chute

*HYMN “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #400

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.**

***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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” – P. Manz

Althea Waites

This morning at the 10:00 a.m. service we celebrate the baptism of Abigail Nancy Hope Asnon, daughter of Greg and Adriana Asnon and sister of Lillian and Clara, who were baptized here as well. She is the grandchild of church members Ram & Lillian Mittal, and of Tom and Nancy Asnon. We welcome their family and friends as we give thanks for God’s grace on this special day.

RHUMC Charge Conference - All are welcome to attend our next Charge Conference on Wednesday, February 1, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact the church office for the link.

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
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 Sutrave, Youth Ministry Director
Catherine Dingman, Exec. Asst. to Pastor

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor
Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director
Althea Waites, Organist
Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
Peggy Roulette, Church Office Admin.
Lori Brunn, Admin. Asst.
Miguel Portillo, Custodian