



“Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.”

- Matthew 3:13

January 8, 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

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

*Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE "Sonata", Op.57, mvt.2 – Beethoven Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Isaiah 42:1-9*

Leader: God says, "I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness."

People: You created the heavens and stretched them out!

Leader: God says, "I have taken you by the hand and kept you."

People: You spread out the earth and what comes from it.

Leader: God says, "Here is my servant, whom I uphold."

People: We welcome the new things you now declare!

*HYMN "This Is the Spirit's Entry Now" #608

**This is the Spirit's entry now: the water and the word,
The cross of Jesus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.**

**Let water be the sacred sign that we must die each day,
To rise again by his design as followers of his way.**

**Renewing Spirit, hear our praise for your baptismal power
That washes us through all our days. Lord, cleanse again this hour.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Lord, make me what you will. I put myself fully into your hands. Put me to doing,
put me to suffering; let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you. Let me be full,
let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and with a
willing heart give all to your pleasure and disposal. Wonderful and holy God,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, you are mine, and I am yours. And the covenant
which I have made on earth, let it also be made in heaven. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Lisa Pope

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #334

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us,
Filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.**

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 “*Yours Is the Kingdom*” – C. Berry Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Diane Rehfield

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 3:13-17 Jesus is baptized Lisa Pope Pg. 3, New Testament

SERMON “*Out of Order*” April Herron

*HYMN “*I’m Goin’ a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*” vs 1, 2 & 4 #333

**I’m goin’ a sing when the Spirit says sing, I’m goin’ a sing when the Spirit says sing,
I’m goin’ a sing when the Spirit says sing, and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I’m goin’ a pray when the Spirit says pray, I’m goin’ a pray when the Spirit says pray,
I’m goin’ a pray when the Spirit says pray, and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I’m goin’ a shout when the Spirit says shout, I’m goin’ a shout when the Spirit says shout,
I’m goin’ a shout when the Spirit says shout, and obey the Spirit of the Lord.**

*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 “*Concert Overture*” – Handel 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
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus
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