



“What do you think?”

- Jesus (Matthew 21:28)

October 1, 2023

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

310-377-6771

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

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

October 1, 2023

World Communion Sunday

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 C Minor,*” Op.13, mvt.2 – Beethoven

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 78:1 and 4

Leader: Incline your ears to God’s holy word, all people.

People: We will speak of God to the coming generations.

Leader: Remember the glorious deeds of the Lord.

People: We will recall the wonders of God’s love!

*HYMN

“*I Come with Joy*” vs 1, 2 & 3

#617

**I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ’s communion bread, in Christ’s communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
And strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: God of infinite patience and grace, too often our actions do not live up to our intentions and aspirations. We announce ourselves as followers of Jesus, and yet are sadly aware of times our choices have made us unrecognizable as his disciples. Thank you for helping us find our way back to the path of faithfulness. Guide us in your wisdom and mercy so that our words and actions begin to reflect your goodness. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Claire McCurry

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#561

**Jesus, united by thy grace
And each to each endeared,
With confidence we seek thy face
And know our prayer is heard.**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Welcome pads are at the seats closest to the center aisle. Please share your name and other 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 "Beautiful Savior" – L. Larson Chancel Choir

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

**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 21:23-32 Jesus asks questions Claire McCurry Pg.28, New Testament

SERMON "A Chance to Change" April Herron

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Jonathan Chute

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

8:30 – Kathie Austin 10:00 – Zoie Carney

HYMN "Now Let Us from This Table Rise" vs 1 & 3 #634

**Now let us from this table rise
Renewed in body, mind, and soul;
With Christ we die and live again,
His selfless love has made us whole.
To fill each human house with love,
It is the sacrament of care;
The work that Christ began to do
We humbly pledge ourselves to share.**

BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

April Herron

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

“Prelude and Fugue in F 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
Rev. Kristin Sutrave, Youth Ministry Director
Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director
Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director
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