



“Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.”

- Philippians 4:5

October 15, 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 15, 2023

Laity 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

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PRELUDE

“Suite in F Major” – Handel

Althea Waites

CALL TO WORSHIP

*adapted from Psalm 106:1-3*

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**People: God’s steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Happy are those who observe justice; who do what is right at all times.

**People: Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” vs 1, 2 & 4

#126

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory.**

**The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,  
An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.  
As with a mother’s tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory.**

**Let all who name Christ’s holy name give God all praise and glory;  
Let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:  
To God all praise and glory.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Gracious God, forgive us the times when we take your love casually and  
your church for granted. We need you. The world needs a community of faith that  
makes your justice, goodness, and mercy visible. Focus our attention this day on the  
joyous opportunity we have to be part of Christ’s mission to people near and far.  
Bless us with a spirit of generosity toward others that reflects your generosity  
toward us. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Chris Larson

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#369

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Patty Koester

*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

Debra DeLuca

*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

*“Rejoice in the Lord Always”* – arr. Charles Dickerson

Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

John Nelson

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

- Philippians 4:1-9

Encouragement for a life of faith

Chris Larson

New Testament p. 242

SERMON

*“Who? Me?”*

Suellen Fung

\*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)**

\*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

John Nelson

**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

*“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  
Rev. Kristin Sutrave, Youth Ministry Director  
Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director  
Paula Kuno, 3<sup>rd</sup> Service Music  
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director  
Peggy Roulette, Church Office Administrator  
Wade Welch, Treasurer

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus  
Althea Waites, Organist  
Debra DeLuca, Children’s Ministry Director  
Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director  
Catherine Dingman, Executive Assistant  
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Miguel Portillo, Custodian