



“One of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.
‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’”

- Matthew 22:35

October 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

October 29, 2023

Celebration 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 *“French Suite in E-Flat Major”* – J. S. Bach Althea Waites

INTROIT *“Joyful Noise”* Joyful Ringers

*CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 90*

Leader: O Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**People: Before the mountains were brought forth,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Leader: Come back to us, O Lord. Have compassion on your servants.

People: Fill us with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice all our days.

*HYMN *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”* #117

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!**

**Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Gracious God, you give us this new day, and open to us possibilities for love and service. At times we are disappointed in our results. We fail to see the full picture of your hopes for us. Help us to be faithful where we are, and to care for the work you have placed in our hands, trusting you to see us through. Forgive our anxiousness and fear, and open our eyes to the vision you share. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Brendon Fung

*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 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 “*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*” – arr. D. Lantz Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Matthew Engle

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 Brendon Fung

Matthew 22:34-40 The greatest commandment Page 30, New Testament

SERMON “*Rules for the Road*” Jonathan Chute

*HYMN “*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*” #384

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.**

DEDICATING OUR GIFTS FOR 2024 Jonathan Chute

*After you have filled out your Giving Card please bring it to the front of the church
and place it in the basket. In this act of worship let us offer ourselves to God’s mission
through the coming year. You are then invited to proceed to the Celebration Brunch.*

POSTLUDE “*Adagio*” (Organ Symphony) – Saint-Saëns 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
Peggy Roulette, Church Office Administrator
Wade Welch, Treasurer

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus
Althea Waites, Organist
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