



“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.”

- Matthew 21:33

**October 8, 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 8, 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

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PRELUDE                      *“Steal Away”* – S. Coleridge-Taylor                      Althea Waites

\*CALL TO WORSHIP    *adapted from Psalm 19*

Leader: The heavens tell of the glory of God; and the sky proclaims God’s handiwork.

**People: Each day speaks to next, and night shares its knowledge with night.**

Leader: All this takes place without word or language; no one hears them speak.

**People: Yet their sound goes out to all the lands, their words to all the earth.**

\*HYMN                      *“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”*                      #152

**I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at God’s command, and all the stars obey.**

**There’s not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;  
And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Dear God, for the day you have given us, with all its possibilities, we thank you.  
For your gifts of life and love, of labor and rest, we praise you. Forgive us that we  
fail to appreciate the goodness which surrounds us; that we feel alone even when  
there are many who love us; that we despair when your help is near. Tear down the  
walls between us, make strong the ties that bind, and help us to walk together with  
joy in all your ways; in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE    Michele Nelson

\*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                      *“Teach Me Your Way, O Lord”* – L. Larson                      Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION                      Susan Deo

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 21:33-46                      The parable of the wicked tenants                      Pg. 29 New Testament                      Michele Nelson

SERMON                      *“Month to Month”*                      Jonathan Chute

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

**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 true disciples, who walk in the way  
that leads to life.**

\*HYMN                      *“My Hope Is Built”*                      #368

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

\*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                      *“Concerto in C Major”* – Haydn                      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  
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