



“Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.”

- Matthew 25:1

**November 12, 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

November 12, 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 "Partita in B-Flat Major" – J. S. Bach Althea Waites

INTROIT "Canon of Grace" Joyful Ringers

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 78*

Leader: Let us tell coming generations of the glorious deeds of the Lord.

**People: Who appointed a law for the people, to pass on to those yet unborn,**

Leader: That the next generation might know them, and rise up and teach their children,

**People: So that they will set their hope on God and remember what the Lord has done.**

\*HYMN "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" #662

**Stand up and bless the Lord, ye people of his choice;  
Stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.**

**God is our strength and song, and his salvation ours;  
Then be his love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.**

**Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore;  
Stand up and bless his glorious name, henceforth forever more.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Gracious God, we can hardly believe the trust you place in us. You know how often we fail to meet our own expectations, let alone live up to your hopes. Yet all around us we see your grace and compassion, and we know that you are faithful. Help us to live in hope and trust, and to put our faith to work in the world, so that others may see and know the wonders of your love. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Susan Deo

\*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 Jonathan Chute

*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.*

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM (8:30 a.m.)

**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 a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

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 "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Peter Perry

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 25:1-13 The wise and foolish bridesmaids Pg. 34, New Testament Susan Deo

SERMON "Late!" Jonathan Chute

\*HYMN "We Are God's People"

**We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,  
Born of the Spirit, established by the Word.  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Christ we stand;  
O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.**

**We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,  
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace.  
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire;  
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light and to inspire.**

\*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 "Voluntary in D Major" – John Stanley Althea Waites

At 8:30 a.m. we will celebrate the baptism of Jade Faith Johnson, daughter of Shannon and James Johnson. Shannon grew up in our congregation and she and James were married by Jonathan in 2018. We welcome their family and friends as we give thanks for God's grace on this special day.

During 3rd Service we will be introducing and commissioning our second class of Congregational Care Ministers, members of our church family who make themselves available to offer encouragement, support and care to others in times of crisis, transition or other need. They completed a course last month with Kristin Sutrave, who is leading our Caring Congregation program, and look forward to being called upon as helpful! Those being commissioned in this work include Tony Moretti and Claire McCurry. We give thanks for their willingness to serve as God may lead.

### **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  
& Finance Manager  
Miguel Portillo, Custodian