



“The Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

- Matthew 24:44

November 27, 2022

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

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

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 *"Savior of the Nations, Come"* – Bach-Busoni Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Romans 13:11-14*

Leader: The night is far gone, the day is near.

People: Get ready!

Leader: Let us turn away from wrongdoing and put on the armor of light.

People: Get ready!

Leader: Let us live honorably, following in the footsteps of Jesus.

People: Get ready! Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

*HYMN #730 *"O Day of God, Draw Nigh"* vs 1, 2 & 5 Chancel Choir

**O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power;
Come with thy timeless judgment now to match our present hour.**

**Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid,
The quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.**

**O day of God, draw nigh as at creation's birth;
Let there be light again, and set thy judgments on the earth.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Grant us grace to heed their words and correct our course, that we may await with hope the coming of Christ Jesus into the world. Teach us, as people of faith, to walk in your light and trust in your love. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Tony Moretti

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #213

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN - Lighting the Candle of Hope

*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.*

**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of hope in a winter's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.**

ANTHEM

“Here Comes the Light”

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 24:36-44

A reminder to be ready

Tony Moretti
Pg. 33, New Testament

SERMON

“What If...”

April Herron

*HYMN #196

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Chancel Choir

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.**

*BENEDICTION

April Herron

*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

“Festive March” – Flor Peeters

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. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus
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