



“John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness...”
- Mark 1:4

December 10, 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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THE WORD FOR CHILDREN - Lighting the Candle of Peace

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 candle of peace,
A candle to signal that conflict must cease:
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

ANTHEM *“Prepare the Way of the Lord”* – B. Harlan Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION April Herron

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

Mark 1:1-8 John baptizes in the wilderness Merrietta Fong
Pg. 42, New Testament

SERMON *“Upstream”* Jonathan Chute

HYMN *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”* #196

**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 AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**There’s a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.**

POSTLUDE *“Prelude and Fugue in G Minor”* – J. S. Bach Althea Waites

Christmas

CHRISTMAS CONCERT / Saturday, December 16
7:00 pm
 Handel's "Messiah" and other music of the Christmas Season.
 \$10 tickets are required. Call (310) 377-6771

4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT / Sunday, December 24
8:30 am & 10:00 am
 Nursery & Sunday School available for children

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP / Sunday, December 24
4:00 pm / Children's Service with Carols and Nativity
8:00 pm / Musical Christmas with 3rd Service Ensemble
 Sunday School available for children
10:00 pm / Candlelight, Carols and Communion

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
 Debra DeLuca, Children's Ministry Director
 Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director
 Catherine Dingman, Executive Assistant
 & Finance Manager
 Miguel Portillo, Custodian