



“Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.”

- Matthew 3:6

**December 4, 2022**

**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

December 4, 2022

Second 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

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PRELUDE

*“French Suite in G Major”* – J. S. Bach

Althea Waites

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*adapted from Psalm 72*

Leader: Give to the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son.

**People: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

Leader: May he defend the cause of the poor, and give deliverance to the needy.

**People: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon shines forth.**

Leader: May he be like rain that falls on the grass, like showers that water the earth.

**People: In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound.**

\*HYMN

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

#211

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Loving God, so often we lose sight of you in our busy days. Forgive us for being driven by our schedules, rather than following where you lead. Help us to let go of needless worry. Give us patience as we await your coming. Forgive us when we fail to see the needs of our neighbors, and help us to move toward one another in love. Open our hearts, that we might receive the new life and hope which you offer us in your Son, Jesus. In his name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

John Fitzgerald

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**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

Jonathan Chute

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

- Matthew 3:1-12

The message of John the Baptist

John Fitzgerald  
Pg. 3, New Testament

SERMON

*“A Mixed Bag”*

Jonathan Chute

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

BLESSING AND SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

April Herron

8:30 – Connie Martin

10:00 – Matthew Engle

\*HYMN

*“People, Look East”*

#202

**People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

**Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.**

**Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.**

\*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

*“Toccata in A Minor”* – Kobrich

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  
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director  
Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse  
Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director  
Debra DeLuca, Children’s Ministry Director  
Rev. Kristin Sutrave, Youth Ministry Director  
Nicole Lowery Zakman, Church Business Mgr.

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor  
Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director  
Althea Waites, Organist  
Paula Kuno, 3<sup>rd</sup> Service Music  
Catherine Dingman, Exec. Asst. to Pastor  
Peggy Roulette, Church Office Admin.  
Lori Brunn, Admin. Asst.  
Miguel Portillo, Custodian