



“First be reconciled to your brother or sister,  
and then come and offer your gift.”

- Matthew 5:24

**February 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

February 12, 2023

Scout Sunday

8:30 and 10 a.m.

*As we gather we hope you will visit quietly with friends.  
Please silence cell phone and pagers.*

\*Standing - if comfortable

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PRELUDE                      “*Spiritual Suite*” mvt.1 – Margaret Bonds                      Althea Waites

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS    Scouts of Troop 783

\*CALL TO WORSHIP    *adapted from Psalm 119*

Leader: Happy are those whose life is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

**People: Happy are those who set their heart on following God’s path.**

Leader: O Lord, you give us instruction and ask us to keep it.

**People: Help us to hold a steady course, keeping true to your ways.**

\*HYMN    “*For the Beauty of the Earth*”    #92

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Wise and loving God, you have given us your light and truth to guide us. Yet we rely instead on our own wisdom and have lost our way. You offer to share our burdens and give us your strength. But we trust in our own efforts and find ourselves exhausted. Bring us back into your presence. Overcome our separation from one another and from you, so that we may be people of grace and compassion, at work in the world. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE    Jan Johnson

\*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 any 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                      “Climbin’ up the Mountain” – arr. H. Smith                      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                      Luke Stenberg, Troop 783 Chaplain’s Aid

- Matthew 5:21-30                      Jesus makes life harder for his followers                      Pg. 5, New Testament

SERMON                      “Missing the Mark”                      Jonathan Chute

\*HYMN                      “Forward Through the Ages”                      #555

**Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine;  
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,  
Manifold the service, one the sure reward.  
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.**

**Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;  
For it we must labor, till our faith is sight.  
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,  
Poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.  
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.**

\*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                      “Chaconne/ Variations” – Purcell                      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  
Catherine Dingman, Exec. Asst. to Pastor  
& Finance Manager

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