



“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life.’”

- John 11:25

March 26, 2023

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

March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

“Steal Away” – arr. S. Coleridge-Taylor

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 130

Leader: Out of the depths I have called to you. O Lord, hear my cry!

People: Let your ears be attentive to the sound of my voice!

Leader: I wait for you, my God; my soul waits, and in your word I hope.

People: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Leader: O People, let us hope in the Lord.

People: For with the Lord is love unfailing, and the power to redeem.

*HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

#384

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;

Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;

Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.

Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Loving God, you seek to lift us up out of despair and death. You offer us gifts of life and hope. Yet often we fail to receive them. When we face distress and fear we forget that you are with us. In the midst of disappointment we miss the richness of your grace. Even then you reach out to us. You encourage us with your love. In the care of those around us we sense your compassion. In the beauty of the new day we remember your generosity. Help us to live in the light of Christ’s love, and the hope of the resurrection. We pray in his name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Phil Gerlach

*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 *“Lacrimosa”* from *Requiem* – W.A. Mozart 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 Phil Gerlach

- John 11:1-45 The raising of Lazarus Pg 127, New Testament

SERMON *“Leaving the Tomb”* Jonathan Chute

*HYMN *“Fairest Lord Jesus”* #189

**Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.**

*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 *“Concerto in D Minor”* – Torelli Althea Waites

HOLY WEEK 2023

MAUNDY THURSDAY / April 6

Tenebrae Service: 7:30 pm with readings and candles.

GOOD FRIDAY / April 7

Music Celebrating the Passion of Christ: 7:00 pm

"Requiem" by John Rutter & *"Gospel Mass"* by Robert Ray

Presented by the RHUMC Chancel Choir. Choir members from California State University Dominguez Hills & The Angel City Chorale have been invited to partake in the presentation. The Choral ensemble will be accompanied by the Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles.

EASTER WORSHIP / April 9

Morning Services: 8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:00 am with Chancel Choir

Evening Service: 5:30 pm with 3rd Service Ensemble

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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