



“God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world
but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

- John 3:17

March 5, 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

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*As we gather we hope you will visit quietly with friends.
Please silence cell phones.*

*Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE

“Deep River” – arr. Hailstork

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 121

Leader: I lift my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

People: My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Leader: The Lord is your keeper.

People: The Lord is your shade at your right hand.

Leader: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in

People: from this time on and forever more.

*HYMN

“O Worship The King” vs 1, 3 & 5

#73

**O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing God’s power and God’s love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**

**The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Lord of Life, by submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross you draw all people to you. By being raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that we have lost by missing the mark. Open our hearts to receive this good news, that we may be renewed in faith and revived for loving service. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Merrietta Fong

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#328

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.**

I can hear the brush of angels’ wings,

I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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 "God so Loved the World" 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

- John 3:1-17 Jesus describes God's love for the world Pg. 114, New Testament Merrietta Fong

SERMON "How Can These Things Be?" April Herron

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

8:30 – Diane Phippen 10:00 – Susan Wallace

*HYMN "Hymn of Promise" #707

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**

POSTLUDE "Prelude and Fugue in D Minor" – J. S. Bach 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
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