



“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.”

- Luke 4:1

March 6, 2022

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 6, 2022

First Sunday in Lent

8:30 and 10 a.m.

As we gather please silence cell phones.

*Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE

“Sinfonietta for Organ” – Greene

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 91

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who dwell in the shadow of the Almighty,

**People: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our refuge and fortress,
our God, in whom we trust.**

Leader: The Lord answers those who call, and is with us in times of trouble.

People: The Lord will show us salvation.

*HYMN #110

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Everyone

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Gracious God, you fill us with your Spirit and lead us into places we would rather not go. As Jesus faced temptation in the desert, so we face choices in our lives each day. We cannot always tell what is right. We do not see clearly the path you would have us follow. But your Spirit goes with us. We are not alone. Help us to remember your grace and care when we are in distress. Give us courage and hope to sustain us in the wilderness. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Lisa Pope

* 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

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 *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”* – arr. G. Martin 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 Everyone

**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 4:1-13 Jesus faces temptation in the wilderness Lisa Pope

SERMON *“Open Book”* Jonathan Chute

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING April Herron

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.

(the pastor will offer a prayer of thanksgiving and consecration, and the people shall say)

People: Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

(As you come forward to receive the elements, those wishing to make a communion offering may place their gifts in the baskets near the front of the two side aisles.)

8:30 – Marian Komori 10:00 – Roxanne Morse

*HYMN #269 *“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”* Everyone

**Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.**

**As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.**

**And through these days of penitence, and through thy passion tide,
Yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.**

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Jonathan

**Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.**

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

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opening the QR code. Thank you!



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