



“When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week,  
and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear....”  
- John 20:19

**April 16, 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

April 16, 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter

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

*“Partita in B-Flat Major”* – J. S. Bach

Althea Waites

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*adapted from Psalm 150*

Leader: Praise the Lord in the sanctuary; praise God in the heavens!

**People: Praise the Lord for deeds of power!**

Leader: Praise God with trumpet, with harp and tambourine and strings!

**People: Praise the Lord with clashing cymbals!**

**Let everything with life and breath praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN

*“Christ Is Alive”*

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**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.**

**Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
But daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,  
Till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: God of grace and mercy, we know that we do not understand the breadth or the depth of your love. We want to trust in you, but there are times when we allow anxiousness and fear to guide us. We hold back from each other the forgiveness we need. We are slow to see the way you would have us go. Open our hearts to receive the new life you offer, and to reach out to others in the spirit of the risen Christ. 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 other 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

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*  
Tenor DeForest Kirkwood

Althea Waites

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

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**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 20:19-31

Jesus appears to his disciples

Jan Johnson  
Pg. 141, New Testament

SERMON

*“Breathing Room”*

Jonathan Chute

\*HYMN

*“He Lives”*

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**I serve a risen Savior, he’s in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need him, he’s always near.**

**(Refrain) He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.**

**Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;  
None other is so loving, so good and kind.**

**(Refrain)**

\*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

*“Toccata in D Major”* Op. 25 – F. Peeters

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  
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