



“While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them...”

- Luke 24:15

April 23, 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

April 23, 2023

3rd 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

PRELUDE

“Adagio in B Minor” K. 540 – Mozart

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 150

Leader: New life is breaking forth!

People: In our doubt and in our deliberation...

Leader: New life is breaking forth!

People: In individuals and groups...

Leader: New life is breaking forth...

People: In places visible and places as yet unseen!

*HYMN

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

#454

**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.**

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

**Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
And while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.**

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

**Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.**

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: God of all Creation, of the seen and unseen, you have made the seashore, scattered the sand, called the salt tides to rise and fall, and showered the beach with warming sun. Forgive us for the times we have not taken enough care of that which we did not see, or touch, or believe. Christ Jesus, help us hear and see you now, risen from the tomb. Teach us to look upon this earth as you see it. Holy Spirit, bless us with your counsel. We want to live in faith. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Lisa Pope

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

TFWS #2272

We are standing on holy ground,

And I know that there are angels all around;

Let us praise Jesus now;

We are standing in his presence on holy ground.

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

“How Great Thou Art”
Tenor DeForest Kirkwood

Althea Waites

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Susan Deo

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 24:13-35

Followers of Jesus seek to understand

Pg. 109, New Testament

Lisa Pope

SERMON

“Opened Eyes, Burning Hearts”

April Herron

*HYMN

“Leaning On The Everlasting Arms” vs 1 & 2

#133

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**(Refrain) Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

(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

“Fanfare and Postlude” – J. Corell

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
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