



May 14, 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

May 14, 2023

Mother's Day

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                    *"Brahms/Haydn Variations" Op.56b – Brahms*                    Althea Waites

INTROIT                    *"To the Glory of God"*                    Joyful Ringers

\*CALL TO WORSHIP                    *Psalm 66*

Leader: Bless the Lord wherever you are; let the sound of God's praise be heard.

**People: God has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

Leader: We are tried and tested. We are burdened and we struggle.

**People: Yet God has brought us to this spacious time and place.**

\*HYMN                    *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*                    #158

**Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!**

**Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;  
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Eternal God, from the beginning of time you have called your children into communion with you. Yet we confess that like others, we turn to our own ways and refuse to live in your love and grace. Restore us to the joy of knowing you, and of recognizing your presence among us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE                    Debra Shrader

### \*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 CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM (10 a.m.)

**Congregational Response: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround you with a community of love and forgiveness, that you may grow in God, and be found faithful in your service to others. We will pray for you, that you may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

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 "You Are God!" – G. Hallquist 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

Acts 17:22-28 Paul speaks about God in Athens Pg.168, New Testament  
1 Peter 3:13-22 Encouragement for difficult days Pg. 284, New Testament

SERMON "The Hope That Is in You" Diane Rehfield

\*HYMN "There's a Spirit in the Air" #192

**There's a spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:  
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.**

**When a stranger's not alone, when the homeless find a home,  
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.**

**May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways:  
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!**

\*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 A Minor" – Kobrich Althea Waites

We are pleased to **celebrate the baptism of Holly Bethany Saroyan** at the 10:00 service. **Holly** is the daughter of **Jake and Kat Saroyan** and younger sister of **Zoë**. We welcome their family and friends as we give thanks for God's grace on this special day.

**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