



“A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed some seeds fell on the path...”

- Matthew 13:3-4

July 16, 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

July 16, 2023

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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 “*Prelude and Fugue in B-Flat Major*” Op.16 – C. Schumann Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 119

Leader: Your word, O God, is a lamp to guide me and a light to my path.

People: Accept my prayer of thanks, O Lord, and teach me your commands.

Leader: Your instruction is my everlasting heritage; it is the joy of my heart.

People: I choose to follow your word, for it is a reward that never fails.

*HYMN

“This Is My Father’s World”

#144

**This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father’s world. O let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Gracious God, we know that you see us differently than we see ourselves.

Sometimes we worry about things beyond our control, taking on burdens that are not ours to face. In those times you offer us your peace. Sometimes we fail to see opportunities to help others you place right in front of us. In those times you stir us to action. Your grace works as a mystery in our lives. Your kingdom is all around us, and yet it is not fully visible. Help us to see it grow, so that we may play our parts in the harvest of your love. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Dave Larson

*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 “*Oh, Sinner Man*” – arr. B. Slagle Mayo Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Lee Carlile

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

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 The Parable of the Sower Dave Larson
Pg. 16, New Testament

SERMON “*God, the Gardener*” Jonathan Chute

*HYMN “*Wonderful Words of Life*” #600

**Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.**

**(Refrain) Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.**

**Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever.**

(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 “*Festive March*” – 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
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