



“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.”

- Matthew 13:24

July 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

July 23, 2023

Eighth 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 D Major”* Op. 35 – Mendelssohn Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 139:1-6

Leader: O Lord you have searched me and known me.

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up.

Leader: You are acquainted with all my ways.

People: You hold me close and lay your hand upon me.

Leader: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me!

People: So constant is your presence that I am continually in awe.

*HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” vs 1, 2 & 4

#384

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;

Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;

Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.

Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.

Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;

Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Merciful God, you have given us the gift of time and yet sometimes we fail to trust in your timing. You have created us with the ability to grow and be fruitful, yet sometimes we let our anxieties overwhelm us. We are eager to do your will, and so we seek your guidance. Open our ears to hear your Word. Open our minds to see and understand through your eyes. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Michele Nelson

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;

All other ground is sinking sand.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jonathan Chute

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

"Elijah Rock" – arr. J. Hairston

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

Michele Nelson

Matthew 13:24-30 Jesus tells a story about wheat and weeds Pg. 17, New Testament

SERMON

"Wait!"

April Herron

*HYMN

"For the Healing of the Nations" vs 1, 2 & 4

#428

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;

For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;

To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,

Help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,

That, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.

Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,

Fear will die and hope increase.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;

For our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,

That by our response and service earth its destiny may find,

Earth its destiny may find.

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

April Herron

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 G Major" – J. S. Bach

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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