



“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest”

- Matthew 11:28

**July 9, 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

July 9, 2023

Sixth 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

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PRELUDE

*"Suite in F Major" – Handel*

Althea Waites

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michele Nelson

Leader: As we gather for worship, let us dare to bring our whole selves to God:

**People: Those moments when we are glad and those when we are grumpy.**

Leader: Those things in our lives of which we are proud  
and those we would rather forget.

**People: Our joys and our sorrows, our laughter and our tears, our fears and hopes.**

Leader: Let us dare to bring it all to God, for our God is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

\*HYMN

*"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*

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**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory.**

**The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,  
An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.  
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory.**

**Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;  
Let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:  
To Go all praise and glory.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Merciful God, sometimes the burdens that we carry feel overwhelming - illness,  
family disputes, work demands, financial worries, etc., etc. - but instead of turning  
to you, we try to go it on our own. We want to be in control, to run our own lives,  
but so often we end up going in circles, unsure of where to turn and what to do.  
Forgive us for not trusting in your grace, and open our minds and hearts to the love  
and guidance that are ours in 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

Michele Nelson

*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

Lee Carlile

*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

*"Dere's No Hidin' Place"* – arr. R. Shaw

Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

John Nelson

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

Jan Johnson

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Jesus offers us a new relationship Pg.14, New Testament

SERMON

*"Yoked with Christ"*

Lee Carlile

\*HYMN

*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

**I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;**

**I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.**

*(Refrain)* **Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,**

**Daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.**

*(Refrain)*

**When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.**

*(Refrain)*

\*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lee Carlile

**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

*"Prelude and Fugue 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  
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  
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