



“Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’”

- Matthew 14:28

August 13, 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

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*As we gather we hope you will visit quietly with friends.
Please silence cell phones.*

*Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE “Sonata in E-Flat Major” mvt.2 – Haydn Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 105*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God’s name, and declare what God has done.

People: Sing praises to the Lord, and tell all of God’s wonderful works.

Leader: Give glory to God, and let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

People: Let us look to the Lord for strength, and seek God’s presence always.

*HYMN *“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”*

**Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: God of wisdom, power and love, there are times when we miss the grace and care you offer. Caught up in our own hopes, fears and fantasies, we fail to grasp the opportunities you place before us. Open our eyes to the grace and hope around us now, so that we might help others to see the power of your love in our lives. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Tony Moretti

*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 "Deep River" – arr. H. Burleigh Althea Waites
Soprano Abigail Whitman

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION April Herron

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 14:22-33 Jesus walks on the water Tony Moretti
Pg. 19, New Testament

SERMON "Back in the Boat" Jonathan Chute

*HYMN "The Storm Is Strong"

**The storm is strong; we face the wind.
The water rises; waves crash in.
Where are we now? Where will we be?
There is no mercy on this sea.

But you, O Christ, are with us here.
We turn to you in all our fear.
The single word you say is "peace,"
And wind and waves and storm all cease.

Who can you be? What power you say,
That even winds and sea obey?
Remove our fear of death and harm.
Give us your faith and still our storm.**

*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 "All Glory Be to God on High" – 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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Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director
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Jeff Henry, Treasurer

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