



“For everything there is a season....a time to keep silent; a time to speak.”

- Ecclesiastes 3:1 and 7

August 27, 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 *“Prelude and Fugue in A-Flat Major”* Op. 35 – Mendelssohn Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Romans 12:4-8

Leader: We are gathered as one body with many members

People: We belong to God and to one another

Leader: We bring diverse gifts, each one bestowed by God’s grace

People: We serve Jesus, who lived and died and rose for our sakes.

*HYMN

“Where Charity and Love Prevail” vs 1, 2, 5 & 6

#549

**Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love, by love are we thus bound.**

**With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.**

**Let us recall that in our midst dwells God’s begotten Son;
As members of his body joined, we are in him made one.**

**Love can exclude no race or creed if honored by God’s name;
Our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Dear God, sometimes we experience moments of recognition when we stand in awe of your presence among us. And sometimes it turns out that we know less than we thought. Guide us into greater understanding as we listen to your word and focus on your love. Day by day, help us to pursue the purposes you have given us, that we may share your grace with the world. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

John Fitzgerald

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#368

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

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 *“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”* Althea Waites
Tenor DeForest Kirkwood

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

John Fitzgerald

Matthew 16:13-20 Jesus invites discussion of his identity Pg. 22, New Testament

SERMON

“Why So Secret?”

April Herron

*HYMN

“Forward Through the Ages” vs 1 & 2

#555

**Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
Manifold the service, one the sure reward.**

**(Refrain) Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.**

**Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;
For it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
Poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.**

(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

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” – Rembt

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. Kristin Sutrave, Youth Ministry Director
Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director
Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director
Peggy Roulette, Church Office Administrator
Jeff Henry, Treasurer

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus
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