



“Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’”

Mark 9:36-37

September 22, 2024

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS

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8:30 & 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

September 22, 2024

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

*Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE	<i>"Andante in D-Flat Major"— Fanny Hensel</i>	Althea Waites
INTROIT	<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i>	Joyful Ringers

*CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 1*

Leader: Blessed are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or walk in the way of sinners, or sit with those who scoff at God.

People: Their delight is in the word of the Lord. They reflect on it day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water; their leaves do not wither.

People: The Lord watches over the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

*HYMN	<i>"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"</i>	#277
Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; Things I would ask him if he were here: Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.		

**First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
And I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
All in the love-light of Jesus' face.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Eternal God, from the beginning you have called your children into communion with you. Yet like others we often prefer our own ways. We turn from the grace you offer. We try to prove our worth to you, to ourselves, or to others. But you have already given all we could ask or hope. Help us to see that it is in humility that we are lifted up, and in compassion that we come closest to the image of Christ in us. We pray in his name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Linda Fester

***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

Jonathan Chute

*Welcome pads are closest to the center aisle. Please share your name
and pass the pad down the row. Afterward, please return the pad to the aisle seat.*

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Kristin Sutrave

*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

"I Hear Thy Welcome Voice " – Benjamin Harlan

Chancel Choir

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

Mark 9:30-37

Greatness in the kingdom of God

Linda Fester
Pg. 55, New Testament

SERMON

"Looking Up"

Jonathan Chute

*HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me"

#191

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong.**

**(Refrain) Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee, saying "Let them come to me."**

**(Refrain)
Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.**

(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

"Toccata in A Minor" – Kobrich

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
Wade Welch, Treasurer

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