



“The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee.  
He found Philip and said to him ‘Follow me.’”

- John 1:43

**January 14, 2024**

**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

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

*"The Bells"* – Margaret Bonds

Althea Waites

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*adapted from Psalm 139*

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

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

Leader: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

**People: How weighty are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!**

Leader: I try to count them – they are more than the sand;

**People: I come to the end – I am still with you.**

\*HYMN

*"Marching to Zion"*

#733

**Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;**

**Join in a song with sweet accord,**

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**And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.**

**(Refrain) We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;**

**We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

**Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;**

**We're marching through Emmanuel's ground,**

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**To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.**

**(Refrain)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: O God, you know us through and through. Your love sustains us every day. Yet you know we are not complete. You have hopes for us and dreams for our lives that we have not seen. In Jesus Christ you seek to lead us into a future where compassion and hope are richly present. Open our eyes to see you at work in our world, and our hearts to respond to your invitation. In Christ's name we pray. 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

*Welcome pads are at the seats closest to the center aisle. Please share your name and any 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                                    *“Lead Me, Guide Me”* – Doris Akers                                    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                                    Jan Johnson

- John 1:43-51                                    Jesus gathers his first disciples                                    New Testament p. 112

SERMON                                    *“Person to Person”*                                    Jonathan Chute

\*HYMN                                    *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*                                    #474

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

\*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                                    *“Organ Concerto in G Major”* – Handel                                    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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Service Music  
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director  
Peggy Roulette, Church Office Administrator  
Wade Welch, Treasurer

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus  
Althea Waites, Organist  
Debra DeLuca, Children's Ministry Director  
Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director  
Catherine Dingman, Executive Assistant  
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Miguel Portillo, Custodian