



“And a voice came from heaven,  
‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’”

- Mark 1:11

**January 7, 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 7, 2024

The Baptism of Jesus

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      *"Sonata in B-Flat Major" Op.22, mvt.2 – Beethoven*      Althea Waites

\*CALL TO WORSHIP      *adapted from Psalm 29*

Leader: The voice of the Lord moves over the waters; the God of glory thunders.

**People: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.**

Leader: The Lord rules over the waters; the Lord is enthroned forever.

**People: Give strength to your people, O God. Grant us the blessing of peace.**

\*HYMN      *"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"*      #152

**I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.**

**There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;  
And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: God of hope, you call to us in songs of joy as well as in quiet whispers. You invite us to join with you in healing your world. You renew us with the joy of knowing you and serving your people. Help us to hear your voice, and to see your loving hand at work in our lives. When we are afraid, encourage us to trust in your grace as we follow where you lead. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Lisa Pope

\*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                    *“Alleluia, All Glory Be to God”* – G. Young                    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                    Lisa Pope  
Mark 1:4-11                    The baptism of Jesus                    New Testament, p. 42

SERMON                    *“The Beloved”*                    Jonathan Chute

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING                    April Herron  
Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

BLESSING AND SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP  
8:30 & 10:00 – Kelsey Pope

\*HYMN                    *“Morning Has Broken”*                    #145  
**Morning has broken like the first morning;  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**  
**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God’s recreation of the new day!**

\*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  
**Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
Let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**

POSTLUDE                    *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* – Fischer                    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