



“Mary set out and went with haste...”

- Luke 1:39

December 22, 2024

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

December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 and 10 a.m.

As we gather we hope you will visit quietly with friends.

Please silence cell phones.

**Standing - if comfortable*

PRELUDE

“Sonata in A Minor” – Mozart

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Micah 5:2-5)

Leader: The one who is to rule will come from Bethlehem.

People: His origin is from old, from ancient days.

Leader: He will feed his flock in the strength of the Lord.

People: Kindred shall return and live in security.

Leader: God’s majesty will be known to the ends of the earth.

People: Peace will be his gift.

*HYMN

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

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Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, great David’s greater Son!

Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;

To take away transgression, and rule with equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;

To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,

Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;

Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.

Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,

And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: God of the unexpected, sometimes we neglect to recognize how precious is the gift of life. Forgive us when we are asleep to the wonders right in front of us. Wake us up to the delight of friendship and the joy of your presence with us. Thank you for reminding us that faith is an adventure. Thank you for receiving us with open arms. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

8:30 – Chris Yamasaki

10:00 – Brent Howell

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains,

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And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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 -- Lighting the Candle of Love

*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.*

**A candle is burning, a candle of love.
A candle to point us to heaven above.
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
For Jesus is bringing God's love to the earth.**

ANTHEM *"The Promise and the Prayer"* – Joseph Martin Chancel Choir

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

8:30 – Chris Yamasaki

10:00 – Brent Howell

Luke 1:39-45 Mothers-to-be recognize God's presence Pg. 69, New Testament

SERMON *"Running and Jumping"* April Herron

*HYMN *"Joy to the World"*(vs 1, 3 & 4) #246

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

***BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

There's a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:

Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

POSTLUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" – P. Manz

Althea Waites

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