



“He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan,
and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.”

- Mark 1:13

February 18, 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

February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

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

*Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE *“Prelude and Fugue in D Minor”* Op.16 – Clara Schumann Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 25*

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you do I trust;

People: Do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

People: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.

*HYMN *“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”* #269

**Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.**

**As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.**

**And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide,
Yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Wise and loving God, you give us your light and truth to guide us, yet often we
rely on our own wisdom and lose our way. You offer to share our burdens and give
us your strength, yet we trust in our own efforts and find ourselves exhausted. Bring
us back to you, O God. Help us to sense your presence, and to trust that you are with
us in our need. Send us forth with renewed energy and hope, that we may be your
people in word and in deed. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Tony Moretti

*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 *“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”* – arr. C. Dickerson Chancel Choir
Soprano Abigail Whitman

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Matthew Engle

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 1:9-15 The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert Tony Moretti
New Testament p. 42

SERMON *“Short Shrift”* Jonathan Chute

*HYMN *“Lift High the Cross”* #159

**(Refrain) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine.**

(Refrain)

**Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of him who died.**

(Refrain)

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.**

(Refrain)

BENEDICTION & 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 *“All Glory Be to God on High”* – Telemann 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
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