



“Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed...”

Mark 8:31

**February 25, 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

February 25, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent

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

*"Reflections"* – David Paxton

Eric Nelson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*adapted from Psalm 22*

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall turn to the Lord;

**People: All the families of the nations shall worship before our God.**

Leader: We shall tell future generations of God's righteous deeds,

**People: And declare to a people yet unborn what God has done to save them.**

\*HYMN

*"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

#117

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!  
Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.  
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;  
Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Gracious God, we celebrate the new life which you have given. We have experienced broken lives made whole, old wounds healed over, and tired spirits rejuvenated. We give thanks for the possibilities you place before us. Yet there are times when doubt overcomes hope, when worry replaces anticipation, and we forget the depth of your grace and care. Forgive us. Help us to move with joy into the future that you have prepared for all your children. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Earl Butler

\*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

April Herron

*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    *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”* – arr. Gilbert M. Martin    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    Eric Nelson

\*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 8:27-36

Peter argues with Jesus

Earl Butler  
Pg 53, New Testament

SERMON

*“Twice a Day”*

Jonathan Chute

\*HYMN

*“This Is My Father’s World”*

#144

**This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father’s world. O let me ne’er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father’s world: why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!**

\*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

*“Lamentation”* – James Mansfield

Eric Nelson

## **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  
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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  
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Althea Waites, Organist  
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