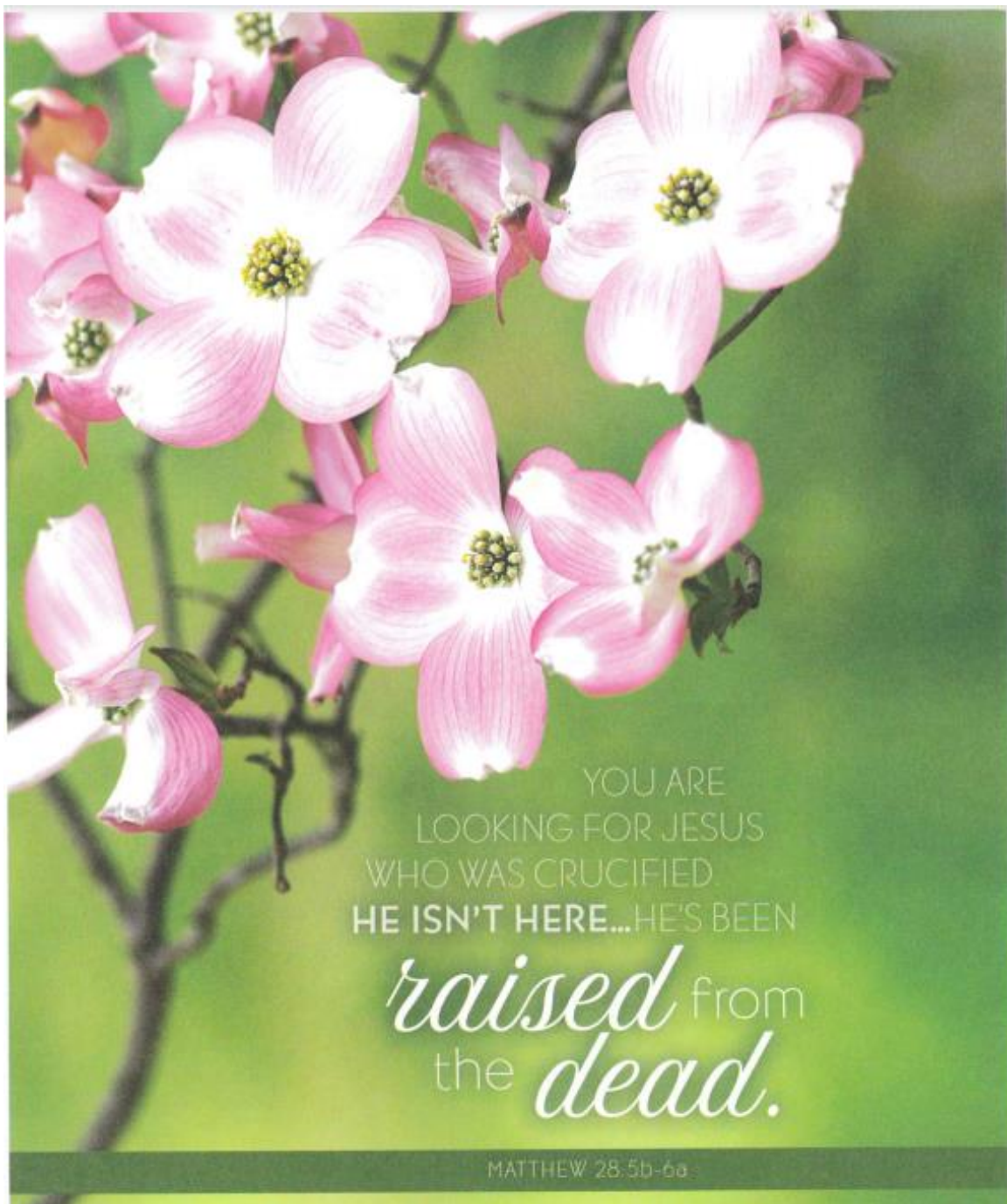




March 31, 2024

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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

Please silence cell phones.

*Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE

“Christ Is Risen” – J. S. Bach

Althea Waites

* CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 118

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!

Leader: For Christ is risen from the dead!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

*HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

(insert)

Lighting of the Candles

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: O God, you have rolled away the stone of death and despair. You have opened to us the gift of new life in your Son, Jesus Christ. Some of us come to this day with longing and hope in our hearts – others with deep questions. We have much in common with the women at the tomb, who did not understand what you had done. Forgive our uncertainty, our hesitation and fear. Lead us into the hope which is ours in Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

8:30 – Dave Larson

9:30 & 11:00 – Merrietta Fong

*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 pass the pad down the row. Afterward please return it 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! Christ Is Risen/Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Chancel Choir

- Charles Kyriakos & Craig Courtney

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

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**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 – Dave Larson

9:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Merrietta Fong

- Mark 16:1-8

The women find the empty tomb

p.66, New Testament

SERMON

"Broken Open"

Jonathan Chute

*HYMN

"Christ Is Alive"

(insert)

*BENEDICTION

Jonathan Chute

POSTLUDE

"Hallelujah Chorus" (from Handel's *Messiah*)

Althea Waites

Guest Musicians:

Trumpet

Sehn-Ra Chestnut Brooks

Leroy Lubin

Brandon Samuels

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, 3rd 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
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Debra DeLuca, Children's Ministry Director
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