



“As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said
‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’”

- Acts 8:36

April 28, 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

April 28, 2024

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 in F Major," Op. 12 – Marcel Dupré

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 22

Leader: O Lord, we give you thanks in the great congregation.

People: You satisfy the hungry, and those who seek you give you praise.

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

People: And the families of the nations shall worship you.

Leader: Each generation shall tell of your love.

People: And proclaim your salvation to a people yet unborn.

*HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

#92

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Gracious God, you call us into wilderness places to plant your love there. You send us to people who need your care. You promise to uphold us and lead us. But we do not always listen. We are afraid to offer what we have. We feel that we don't know what to say. We worry that our efforts will be rejected. Free us from our fears, O God. Give us grace to bear the fruit of your love, as we live together in you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Suellen Fung

*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 CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM (10 a.m.)

Congregational Response: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround you with a community of love and forgiveness, that you may grow in God, and be found faithful in your service to others. We will pray for you, that you may be a true disciple, who walks in the way that leads to life.

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 *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* – arr. Dan Forrest 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

- Acts 8:26-40 Philip baptizes an Ethiopian Suellen Fung
New Testament p. 154

SERMON *"Breaking the Rules"* Jonathan Chute

*HYMN *"God of Love and God of Power"* #578

**God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour
Grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.**

**We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee;
Give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.**

**God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour;
Offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.**

***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

“Chaconne/Variations in F Major” – Purcell

Althea Waites

We are pleased to celebrate the baptism of Miles Paul Turteltaub. Miles is the son of Brianne and Alex Turteltaub, and the brother of Max, who was also baptized here. Brianne has been part of our church for many years, along with her parents, Larry and Carolyn Garrison, her brother Andrew and sister Kerry, when her family all lived in the area. Jonathan was delighted to take part in her and Alex’s marriage a number of years ago. We are pleased to join with their family and friends as we give thanks for God’s grace this day.

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
Althea Waites, Organist
Debra DeLuca, Children’s Ministry Director
Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director
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