



Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

- John 20:19-31

April 7, 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 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

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

"Prelude and Fugue in C Major" – J. S. Bach

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on 1 John 1:1-9

Leader: We gather to declare what we have heard and seen.

People: We want to tell what we touched with our own hands.

Leader: The word of life that was with the Father has been revealed to us.

People: Jesus came to be among us so that we could share in fellowship with God.

Leader: Our joy is complete.

People: God is faithful!

*HYMN

"God Is Risen"

#307

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.

In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend;

Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Merciful God, like the first disciples of Jesus, we also have known sorrow,
confusion, and fear. We also have wondered whether we are truly in your care.**

Today we are eager to receive your peace. We long to be confident of our purpose.

**We would welcome a strong sense of your presence among us. We confess our need
for reassurance. Thank you for numbering us among your children. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Chris Larson

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#617

I come with joy to meet my Lord,

Forgiven, loved and free,

In awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,

His life laid down for me.

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 “Show Me Your Cross” – Susan Boersma and David Lantz Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Merrietta Fong

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

- John 20:19-31 Jesus brings peace Chris Larson
Pg. 141, New Testament

SERMON “Breaking In, Reaching Out” April Herron

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(the pastor will offer a prayer of thanksgiving and consecration, and the people shall say)

People: Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

(As you come forward to receive, those wishing to make a communion offering may place your gifts in the baskets near the front of the two side aisles.)

8:30 – Roxanne Morse 10:00 – Nancy Wallis

*HYMN

“O Church of God, United” vs 1 & 3

#547

**O church of God, united to serve one common Lord,
Proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day
With strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.**

**Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of thee;
And in thy loving spirit we shall one people be.
Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim
Proclaim to all the power of thy redeeming name.**

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**

POSTLUDE

“Organ Concerto in F Major” – Handel

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
Rev. Kristin Sutrave, Youth Ministry Director
Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director
Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director
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