



“Then Peter said ‘Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’”

- Acts 10:47

May 5, 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

May 5, 2024

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

**Standing - if comfortable*

PRELUDE

“Suite in E Major” – Handel

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 98

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; sing praises to God!

People: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and all who live in it.

Leader: Let the floods clap their hands;

People: Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord.

*HYMN

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

#126

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,

The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:

To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,

An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.

As with a mother’s tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:

To God all praise and glory.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Loving God, you invite us to join with you in acts of compassion and service. You see a world in need, and people struggling. You see us struggling too. You lead us to places where we would rather not go. You ask us to love others as Christ loves us. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to see your Spirit alive and at work in those around us. Give us courage to follow where you lead, and wisdom and compassion to serve your children everywhere. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Michele Nelson

*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 “*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart/
Spirit Now Live in Me*” – Fred Bock 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

**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 10:44-48 The Holy Spirit arrives ahead of Peter Michele Nelson
New Testament p. 158

SERMON “*Racing with the Wind*” Jonathan Chute

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.

BLESSING AND 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 – Debbie Heyman

10:00 – Irene Gasco

*HYMN

“Forward Through the Ages”

#555

**Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
Manifold the service, one the sure reward.
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.**

**Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;
For it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
Poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.**

*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

“Toccata in A Minor” – Kobrich

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
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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