



“For those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake and the gospel, will save it.”

- Mark 8:35

September 15, 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

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

**Standing - if comfortable*

PRELUDE “French Suite in G Major” – J. S. Bach Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 19*

Leader: The heavens tell of the glory of God; the sky proclaims God’s handiwork.

People: One day speaks to another, and each night shares knowledge with the next.

Leader: All this takes place without human language; no one hears them speak.

People: Yet their sound goes out to all the lands, their words throughout the earth.

*HYMN “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” #152

**I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God’s command, and all the stars obey.**

**There’s not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;
And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Gracious God, we know that often we miss the truth you place before us. We seek to avoid struggle and suffering. Yet Christ invites us to take up our crosses and follow him. Open our hearts, and help us to know that it is in giving that we receive, and that in loving that we are truly loved. Encourage us as we walk with Jesus, to trust in your grace always, that we may be alive to the joy and hope he offers. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Chris Hall

*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 Jonathan Chute

*Welcome pads are closest to the center aisle. Please share your name
and pass the pad down the row. Afterward, please return the pad 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 *"You Are the Christ"* – Joseph 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 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

Mark 8:27-36 Jesus speaks about his death Chris Hall
Pg. 53, New Testament

SERMON *"Better Backwards?"* Jonathan Chute

*HYMN *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* #299

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

*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 *"Festive March"* – Flor Peeters 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
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