



“John said to him, ‘Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name,
and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.’”

- Mark 9:38

September 29, 2024

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

310-377-6771

**SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS
8:30 & 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

September 29, 2024

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

*Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE

“Adoration” – Florence Price

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 124

Leader: If God had not been on our side when enemies rose against us,
we would have been swallowed alive.

**People: If God had not been on our side when the flood rose up to drown us,
we would have been swept away.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord our God, who did not allow us to become prey for our foes.

People: Blessed be the Lord, our helper, who set us free from the hunter’s snare.

*HYMN

“Sing Praise to God”

#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: Gracious God, we know that your grace reaches farther than our eyes can see.

**Our hearts cannot imagine the wide reach of your embrace. You welcome those we
find it hard to accept. You invite all who love you to follow Christ’s example of
service and care. We see the differences that divide us, where you see our common
need. Forgive us, O God. Help us to accept that you are at work in all of your
children, not only in those who are like us. Help us to speak and to listen with your
compassion. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Susan Deo

*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 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

Debra DeLuca

*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

*“Order My Steps” – Glenn Burleigh
Soprano Debbie Bell Cole*

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

Susan Deo

Mark 9:38-50

Obstacles to faith

Pg. 55, New Testament

SERMON

“Certified”

Jonathan Chute

*HYMN

“There’s a Spirit in the Air”

#192

**There’s a spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.**

**When a stranger’s not alone, when the homeless find a home,
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.**

**May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways:
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow’s life today!**

*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

“Prelude and Fugue in F Major” – J. S. Bach

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

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Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus
Althea Waites, Organist
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