



“And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved,
and with you I am well pleased.’”

- Luke 3:22

January 12, 2025

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

January 12, 2025

The Baptism of Jesus

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 “Sonata in A-Flat Major” Op.26 – Beethoven Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 29*

Leader: The voice of the Lord moves over the waters; the God of glory thunders.

People: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

Leader: The Lord rules over the waters; the Lord is enthroned forever.

People: Give strength to your people, O God. Grant us the blessing of peace.

*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.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,

Who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where’er I turn my eye,

If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

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: God of hope, you call to us in songs of joy and in quiet whispers. You invite us to join with you in the work of healing your world. You renew us with the joy of knowing you and serving your people. Help us to hear your voice, and to see your loving hand at work in our lives. When we are afraid, encourage us to trust in your grace as we follow where you lead. 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 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 - 10:00 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 *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* – arr. Craig Courtney 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

Luke 3:15-18, 21-22 The baptism of Jesus Susan Deo
Pg.73, New Testament

SERMON *"When It All Began"* Jonathan Chute

*HYMN *"Morning Has Broken"* #145

**Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

*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 *"Processional Overture"* – Handel Althea Waites

We are pleased to **celebrate the baptism of Isabella (Bella) Eun Eun Choi**. Bella is the daughter of Chris and Lissa Choi, who have been part of our church family for a couple of years now. We rejoice with them, and with their family and friends, as we give thanks for God's grace on this special 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 Director
Catherine Dingman, Executive Assistant
& Finance Manager
Miguel Portillo, Custodian