



“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.”

- Luke 18:10

October 26, 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

October 26, 2025

Celebration Sunday

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

“Suite in F Major” – Handel

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 65

Leader: O God, you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

People: By your strength and power you built the mountains.

Leader: You silence the roaring of the seas and the noise of the nations.

People: You visit the earth and water it; you provide the people with grain.

Leader: You crown the year with your bounty; the pastures of the wilderness overflow.

**People: The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys with grain;
With shouts of joy they break into song.**

*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: O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for your great love. You bless our lives
with gifts and strengths in abundance. You invite us to share with the world around
us. Forgive us when we are more concerned about our own righteousness than the
needs and hopes of others. Help us to move away from our pride, toward the grace
and acceptance you offer to all. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Dave Larson

*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 at the seats closest to the center aisle. Please share your name and other helpful information and pass down the row. Afterward please return to the aisle seat.

THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM (8:30)

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

"A Prayer for Humility" – Mark Patterson

Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Nancy Wallis

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 18:9-14

Two men go to the temple to pray

Dave Larson
Pg. 99, New Testament

SERMON

"Above Average"

Jonathan Chute

*HYMN

"My Hope Is Built"

#368

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS FOR 2026

Jonathan Chute

*After you have filled out your Giving Card please place it in the offering basket at the front of the church. In this act of worship let us ask God to receive our gifts, as we offer ourselves to God's mission through the coming year.
You are then invited to proceed to the Celebration Brunch.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Althea Waites

At the 8:30 service we will be celebrating the baptism of Ember Rose Johnson, daughter of Shannon and James Johnson, and sister of Jade, who was also baptized at RHUMC. Shannon grew up in our congregation and she and James were married by Jonathan in 2018. We welcome 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
Renée Carly, Executive Assistant
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