



“The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to his mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea,” and it would obey you.’”

- Luke 17:6

October 5, 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 5, 2025

World Communion 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

"Brahms/Haydn Variations" – Brahms

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 137

Leader: By the rivers of Babylon, O Lord, your people sat down and wept.

People: We remembered how you led us and loved us in the land you provided.

Leader: We were far from home – held captive by those who mocked you.

People: We could not sing our songs of joy and hope.

Leader: At the time we were filled with thoughts of anger and revenge.

People: Yet your love remained steadfast, and you led us home again.

*HYMN

"Standing on the Promises"

#374

**Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.**

**(Refrain) Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.**

(Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Dear God, for the day you have given us, with all its possibilities, we thank you.

For your gifts of life and love, of labor and rest, we praise you. Forgive us that too often we fail to appreciate the goodness which surrounds us; that we feel alone when there are many who love us; that we despair when your strength is near at hand. Tear down the walls between us, make strong the ties that bind us, and help us to walk together with joy in all your ways; through the grace of Jesus Christ we pray. 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 other 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 “One Faith, One Hope, One Lord” – 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 17:3-10 Faith the size of a mustard seed Michele Nelson
Pg. 97, New Testament

SERMON “Planting Trees in the Ocean” Jonathan Chute

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING April Herron

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

(As you come forward to receive the elements, those wishing to make a communion offering may place their gifts in the baskets near the front of the two side aisles.)

8:30 – Pat Stolz 10:00 – Tara Engle

*HYMN “This Is My Song” #437

**This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country’s skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.**

***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 G Major” – Pachelbel

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
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