



“Blessed are you...”

- Luke 6:20

February 16, 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

February 16, 2025

Golden Anniversary 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 “Sonata in E-Flat Major” Op. 7, mvmt. 2 – Beethoven Althea Waites

INTROIT “Chatter with the Angels” Joyful Ringers

*CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 1*

Leader: Blessed are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or walk in the way of sinners, or sit with those who scoff at God.

People: Their delight is in the word of the Lord. They reflect on it day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water;
their leaves do not wither even in times of drought.

**People: The Lord watches over the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will never last.**

*HYMN “Marching to Zion” #733

**Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.**

**(Refrain) We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We’re marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

**Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King
May speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.**

(Refrain)

**Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
We’re marching through Emmanuel’s ground,
We’re marching through Emmanuel’s ground,
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.**

(Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Gracious God, we come before you knowing that your hopes for us exceed our reach. We do not always love our neighbors as ourselves, and often pass up opportunities to serve your children. Yet you do not give up on us, but seek us out again and again, inviting us to join you in acts of compassion and mercy. Forgive our hesitation, and encourage us to move with hope into the future you have prepared for us, and for all your children. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Chris 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 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

“Lord, I Ain’t No Ways Tired / Ain’t Got Time to Die” Chancel Choir
- Jester Hairston and Hall Johnson

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Merrietta Fong

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

Chris Larson

Luke 6:17-26

Jesus blesses and warns

Pg. 78, New Testament

SERMON

“Whoa, Nelly!”

Jonathan Chute

*HYMN

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

#348

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals he’s waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.**

**(Refrain) Come home, come home; you who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!**

**O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.**

(Refrain)

***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

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
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