



“If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also...”

- Luke 6:29

February 23, 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 23, 2025

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 G Major" – Purcell

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 37

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked or envy those who do wrong.

People: For like the grass they soon wither and like green pasture they fade away.

Leader: Trust in the Lord and do good; in God's care we will find our security.

People: We will delight in the Lord, who will grant our hearts' desire.

*HYMN

"And Are We Yet Alive" (vs 1, 3, 4, 6)

#553

**And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!**

**What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past,
Fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last!**

**Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by his love;
And still he doth his help afford, and hides our life above.**

**Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,
And gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Loving God, you sent Jesus Christ as the embodiment of your love. In his life and in his teaching he showed us the wideness of your mercy and the depth of your compassion. When we forgive others we draw close to you, as we follow his example. When we judge, we set ourselves apart. We turn away from the hope you hold out for us. Forgive us when we stumble, O God. Help us to live in the light of his love. And never let us go. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

John Fitzgerald

*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 CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM (10 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

*"The Lord Is Blessing Me Right Now /
I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me" – Traditional* 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 6:27-38

Meeting evil with love

John Fitzgerald
Pg 78, New Testament

SERMON

"The Thermostat"

Jonathan Chute

*HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#140

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God our Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou has been, thou forever wilt be.**

(Refrain) Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

(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

“Overture in C Major” – Haydn

Althea Waites

This morning we celebrate the baptism of Jesse Manuel Karimi Mocodean. He is the son of Milly Mocodean, who joined our congregation last year, after coming to California from Montreal, Canada. Jesse enjoys being part of our preschool and Sunday School. We rejoice as a family of faith, celebrating 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
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