



“But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion...”

- Luke 15:24

March 30, 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

March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

“Adagio cantabile” – R. Nathaniel Dett

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 32

Leader: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is blotted out.

**People: Blessed are those whom God does not hold guilty,
in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Leader: When I acknowledged my brokenness and need you came to me.

You forgave what I had done and kept me safe.

People: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice. Give thanks, all whose hearts are true.

*HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

#378

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Gracious and merciful God, you know us completely. You know how far we have wandered from your love, and how we hurt ourselves and each other. You see us stand apart from those who love us, wounded by bitterness and resentment. Still you reach out to us. You seek to bring us home again, to welcome us into your joy and hope. Open our ears to hear you calling, and our hearts to respond in gratitude and trust. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Debra Shrader

* 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 *"The Penitent"* – Beardsley Van de Water 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 Debra Shrader

Luke 15:1-3,11b-32 A son travels far from home Pg. 95, New Testament

SERMON *"The Dancing Father"* Jonathan Chute

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS/BAPTISM

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.

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

***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

“Toccata in A Minor” – Kobrich

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
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