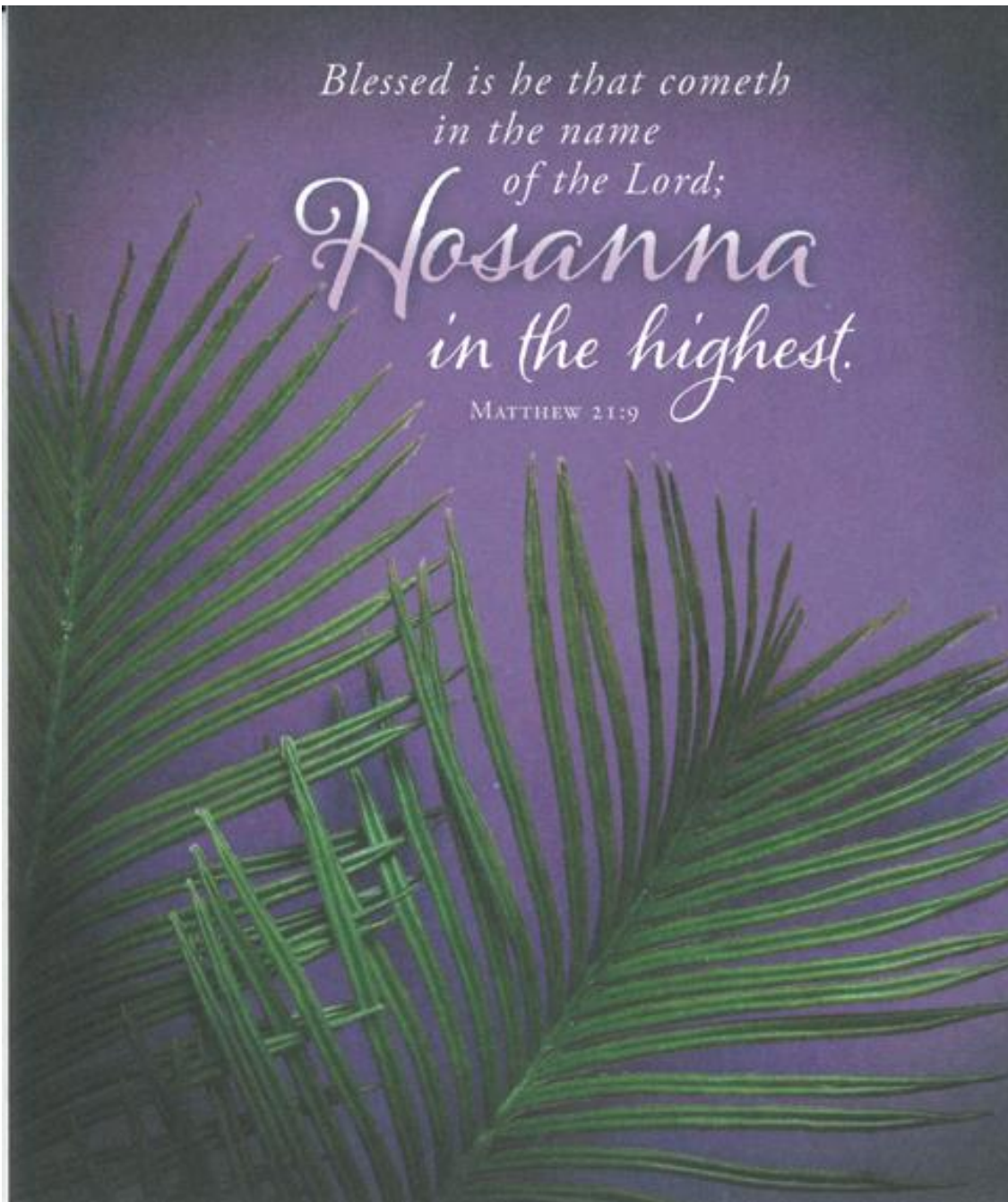




April 13, 2025

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

April 13, 2025

Sunday of the Passion of Jesus

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

As we gather we hope you will visit quietly with friends.

Please silence cell phones.

**Standing - if comfortable*

PRELUDE	<i>“Chorale Prelude in A Minor” – Bach-Busoni</i>	Althea Waites
INTROIT	<i>“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”</i>	Joyful Ringers
*SCRIPTURE	Luke 19:28-40 -- Jesus enters Jerusalem	April Herron
*HYMN	<i>“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”</i>	#278

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

**From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.**

**“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Eternal God, whose promise never fails, forgive us when we fall short of your hopes. You seek to bring us close, but we turn away from your compassion and care. In Jesus Christ you show us what it means to love and serve freely, but often we withhold ourselves from others. Forgive us, O God. Help us to find our true meaning as we give ourselves away. Encourage us through these days, as we remember the depth of your love for all your children. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Suellen Fung

*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 *"Ride On, King Jesus"* – Spiritual 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.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE Suellen Fung

- Luke 22:39-48 Judas betrays Jesus

HYMN *"Were You There"* (verse 1) #288

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (2X)
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

- Luke 22:54-65 Peter denies Jesus

HYMN *"Were You There"* (verse 2)

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (2X)
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

- Luke 23:1-12 Pilate and Herod question Jesus

HYMN *"Were You There"* (verse 3)

**Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (2X)
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

- Luke 23:32-43 Jesus is crucified

SERMON *"Somewhere in the Middle"* Jonathan Chute

*HYMN

“Were You There” (verses 4-5)

#288

**Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (2X)
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (2X)
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

*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

“Chaconne/Variations in F Major” – Purcell

Althea Waites

HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY / April 17
Tenebrae Service: 7:00 pm with readings and candles.

GOOD FRIDAY / April 18
Music Celebrating the Passion of Christ: 7:00 pm
“Eternal Light” by Howard Goodall
Presented by the RHUMC Chancel Choir.
The Choral ensemble will be accompanied by the
Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles.

EASTER WORSHIP / April 20
Morning Services: 8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:00 am with Chancel Choir
Evening Service: 5:30 pm with 3rd Service Ensemble

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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Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone Director
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