



“Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.”

- John 13:34b

May 18, 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

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*As we gather we hope you will visit quietly with friends.
Please silence cell phones.*

*Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE “*Duetto*” Op.38 – Mendelssohn Althea Waites

INTROIT *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”* Joyful Ringers

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 148)

Leader: Praise God, bright sun and moon.

People: Praise God, all you shining stars.

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth.

People: Wild animals, creeping things and flying birds...

Leader: All people, young and old together...

People: Praise the name of the Lord!

*HYMN “Where Charity and Love Prevail” vs 1, 2 & 5 #549

**Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.**

**With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.**

**Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of his body joined, we are in him made one.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: New every morning is your love, Merciful God, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us a desire to serve you, and forgive us when we go astray from your purposes. Our hope is to live in peace with our neighbors, and we regret the unhelpful things we sometimes say or do. Set our hearts at rest, and keep our feet on right pathways, so that we may follow Jesus with faith and joy. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Chris Larson

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #92

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

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 CONFIRMATION

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 true disciples who walk 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 "A New Commandment" – David Schwoebel Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Jonathan Chute

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

- John 13:31-35 Jesus gives a new commandment Pg. 132, New Testament

SERMON "The Bottom Line" April Herron

*HYMN "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" #664

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing God's children of each land and place.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

***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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” – Paul Manz

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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