



“A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us;
she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth.”

- Acts 16:14

May 25, 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

May 25, 2025

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

*Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE *"Andante cantabile in D-Flat Major"* – Fanny Hensel Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 67*

Leader: O God, may you be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face to shine upon us,

**People: That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all peoples praise you.

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

Leader: For you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all peoples praise you.

*HYMN *"In Christ There Is No East or West"* #548

**In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;
Both male and female heirs are made, and all are kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Gracious God, you reach out to us each day and invite us to offer love and service to the world. At times we struggle to find our way. We resist your leading and guidance. Help us to see your hand at work when our plans fall apart, as well as when they come together. Open our eyes to the possibilities before us, rather than the ones we wish we had. Help us to trust in your grace, which goes before us always. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Michele Nelson

*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 *"Here in the House of the Lord"* – Don Besig Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Kathy Platnick

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 Michele Nelson

Acts 16:9-15 Unexpected hospitality Pg.165, New Testament

SERMON *"Uncharted Waters"* Jonathan Chute

*HYMN *"Forward Through the Ages"* #555

**Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
Manifold the service, one the sure reward.
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.**

**Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;
For it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
Poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.**

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Jonathan Chute

**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 B-Flat 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
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Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director
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