



“He laid his hands on Saul and said ‘Brother Saul...’”

- Acts 9:17

May 4, 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 “Sonata in A-Flat Major” Op. 26 – Beethoven Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 30*

Leader: I will praise you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up.

People: I cried to you for help and you healed me.

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, God’s people, and give thanks to his holy name.

People: For God’s anger is but for a moment; his mercy is for ever.

Leader: Our weeping may linger for the night,

People: But joy comes with the morning.

*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 hast 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)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Loving God, you invite us to join with you in acts of compassion and service. You see a world in need, and persons who are struggling. You see us struggling too. You lead us into places where we would rather not go. You ask us to love people we cannot love. Forgive us when we turn to go the other way. Help us to see each other as you see us, with the possibility of change still open, and your way of hope and life before us. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Linda Fester

*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 "Arise and Shine" – R. Kevin Boesiger 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

- Acts 9:1-27 Saul regains his sight Linda Fester
New Testament, p.154

SERMON "Where You Don't Want to Go" Jonathan Chute

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

BLESSING AND SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

April Herron

(As you come forward to receive the elements, those wishing to make a communion offering may place their gifts in the baskets near the front of the two side aisles.)

8:30 – Rachel McClain 10:00 – Rick Velasco

*HYMN

“The Servant Song”

Chancel Choir

**Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on this road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**

POSTLUDE

“Organ Concerto in G Major” – Handel

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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