



“And he said to them, ‘Thus it is written...that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.’”

- Luke 24:46

June 1, 2025

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS
8:30 & 10:00 am and 5:30 pm**

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

June 1, 2025

Ascension Sunday

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

“Suite in E Major” – Handel

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 47

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples; shout to God with songs of joy!

People: For the Lord, our God, is awesome, a great ruler over all the earth.

Leader: The Lord goes up with a shout of praise, rising to the sound of trumpets.

People: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises.

*HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign”

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**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.**

**Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: O God of life and hope, we confess that we are not always open to your leading.
We would rather control our schedules than wait for your timing. We have trouble
letting go of our own ideas when you try to show us new directions. Forgive our
resistance and confusion. Keep working on us and in us, for we know that we are
not finished. Lead us in your grace and peace always. In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Merrietta Fong

*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
any 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

"He Is Exalted" – Twila Paris

Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Matthew Engle

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

**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

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Luke 24:44-53 Jesus leaves the disciples for the last time Pg. 111, New Testament

SERMON

"Stay and 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.

(the pastor will offer a prayer of thanksgiving and consecration, and the people shall say)

People: Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

(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 – Mary Jane Schwebel 10:00 – Janie Hasselman

*HYMN

"Christ Is Alive"

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**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.**

**Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
Till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

***BENEDICTION AND 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

“Prelude in G Major” – F. Couperin

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
Debra DeLuca, Children's Ministry Director
Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone Director
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