



“For freedom Christ has set us free.”

- Galatians 5:1

June 29, 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 *“Prelude and Fugue in D Major”* Op. 35 – Mendelssohn Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 77:1-2, 11-13)*

Leader: I cry aloud to God that I might be heard.

People: In the day of my trouble, I seek the Lord.

Leader: I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord.

People: I will remember God’s wonders of old.

Leader: I will meditate on your work and ponder your mighty deeds.

People: Your way, O God, is holy. You are great above all.

*HYMN *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* vs 1, 2 & 3 #384

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;

Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;

Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.

Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;

Suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,

Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: God of all life and love: we are your children, and you made us free to live in joyful relationship with you and one another. Inspire us to live in the freedom you have given us to be loving, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and self-disciplined. Forgive us for the times we fall into confusion about our calling and our direction. Grant us the courage to love ourselves as much as you love us, and to love others with the same compassion. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jan Johnson

*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 *"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"* – arr. Mack Wilberg Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Susan Deo

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 Jan Johnson

Luke 9:51-62 Jesus counsels disciples and potential followers Pg. 85, New Testament

SERMON *"Free to Follow"* April Herron

*HYMN *"For the Healing of the Nations"* – vs 1, 2 & 4 #428

**For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,
Help us rise and pledge our word.**

**Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
That, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,
Fear will die and hope increase.**

**You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
That by our response and service earth its destiny may find,
Earth its destiny may find.**

*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 *"Concerto in B-Flat 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
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