



“Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

- Luke 12:15b

August 3, 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

August 3, 2025

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

**Standing - if comfortable*

PRELUDE “Prelude in F Major” – Fanny Hensel Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 107)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: God has gathered us from east and west, north and south.

People: God has led us on a wondrous path.

*HYMN “God Whose Love Is Reigning o’er Us” vs 1, 2 & 5 #100

**God, whose love is reigning o’er us, source of all, the ending true;
Hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you:
Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.**

**Word of God from nature bringing spring-time green and autumn gold;
Mountain streams like children singing, ocean waves like thunder bold:
Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation’s tale is told.**

**Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring;
Live we then in human choices lives that, like our music, sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: God, our guide and our protector, open our ears and eyes so that we may be
inclined to receive the teachings of Jesus into our lives. Open our hearts and minds
to recognize where we have gone astray and how we can be more faithful. Help us
follow you as you lead us. We long to dwell within your everlasting embrace. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Mark Roulette

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #454

**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

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 “Alleluia” from Mozart’s Exsultate, Jubilate Althea Waites
Soprano Abigail Whitman

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Nancy Wallis

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

- Luke 12:13-21 Jesus reflects on true security Mark Roulette
Pg. 90, New Testament

SERMON “Shifting the Focus” April Herron

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 the people shall say: **Amen.**)

BLESSING AND SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP April Herron

8:30 – Hazel Lord 10:00 – Darlene Hill

*HYMN “Now Let Us from This Table Rise” vs 1 & 3

**Now let us from this table rise renewed in body, mind, and soul;
With Christ we die and live again, his selfless love has made us whole.**

**To fill each human house with love, it is the sacrament of care;
The work that Christ began to do we humbly pledge ourselves to share.**

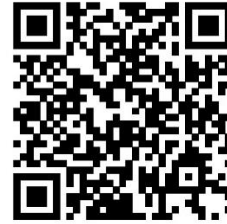
*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**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 “Toccata in A Minor” – Kobrich 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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