



“But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place,
so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’;
then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.”

- Luke 14:10

August 31, 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 31, 2025

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

*Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE *“Improvisation in A-Flat Major”* – Flor Peeters Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Psalm 81

Leader: Sing out loud to God, our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

People: Raise a song, beat the drum, play the tambourine and harp.

Leader: For a voice calls out: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you up from Egypt.

People: I will feed you with finest wheat; and with sweet honey from the rock.”

*HYMN *“All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine”* #166

**All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
Didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
That in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou cam'st to us, in lowliness of thought;
By thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
And by thy death was God's salvation wrought:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let every tongue confess with one accord
In heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
And God the Father be by all adored:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAAYER OF CONFESSIION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Gracious God, we come into your presence with thanks for all that fills our lives with joy -- the love of family and friends, the comfort of our homes, the challenge of work and the delight of recreation and rest. Forgive us when we take these gifts for granted. Help us to see their rightful place in our lives. Open our hearts to the needs of others, so that we may be your people in both word and deed. 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 *“The Presence of the Lord Is Here”* – Byron Cage Jacquelyn Kirkwood
The Kirkwood Family – Jacquelyn, Patricia and DeForest Kirkwood

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

- Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus speaks about humility and honor

Merrietta Fong
p. 94, New Testament

SERMON

“Grace at the Table”

Jonathan Chute

*HYMN

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

#581

**Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy’s perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.**

**Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.**

*BENEDICTION AND 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

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” – Kittel

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
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