



“Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought that this man was squandering his property.’”

- Luke 16:1

September 21, 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

“Concerto in B-Flat Major” – Mozart

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 79

Leader: O God, your people are in distress; will you be angry forever?

People: Let your compassion come swiftly to meet us.

Leader: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;

People: Deliver us and forgive us, for your name’s sake.

*HYMN

“O Thou, in Whose Presence”

#518

**O Thou, in whose presence my soul takes delight,
On whom in affliction I call,
My comfort by day and my song in the night,
My hope, my salvation, my all!**

**Where dost thou, dear Shepherd, resort with thy sheep,
To feed them in pastures of love?
Say, why in the valley of death should I weep,
Or alone in this wilderness rove?**

**Restore, my dear Savior, the light of thy face,
Thy soul-cheering comfort impart;
And let the sweet tokens of pardoning grace
Bring joy to my desolate heart.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Almighty and all-loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have reconciled the world to yourself. Help us now to be reconciled with one another, so that we might dwell in the light of your love. Help us to put aside the resentments we carry, the pride that keeps us from each other and from you. Let us receive the forgiveness you offer, so that we might be a source of help and hope for others. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Tony Moretti

*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 *“Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven”* – Pepper Choplin 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

Luke 16:1-13 The dishonest steward Tony Moretti
Pg. 96, New Testament

SERMON *“Cooking the Books”* Jonathan Chute

*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!**

***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

“Prelude and Fugue in D Minor” – J. S. Bach

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
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Wade Welch, Treasurer

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Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus
Althea Waites, Organist
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