



“Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them,
‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children,
brothers and sisters, yes, even life itself, cannot be my disciple.’”

- Luke 14:25

September 7, 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

September 7, 2025

“I Love My Church” 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

“Prelude and Fugue in D Major” – Mendelssohn

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 139

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up.

People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

Leader: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

People: How weighty are your thoughts, O God! How many they are!

Leader: I try to count them – they are more than the sand;

People: I come to the end – I am still with you.

*HYMN

“And Are We Yet Alive”

#553

And are we yet alive, and see each other’s face?

Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!

**What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past,
Fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last!**

**Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by his love;
And still he doth his help afford, and hides our life above.**

**Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,
And gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Loving God, we know that your grace surrounds our lives each day. You bless us with joy and hope, and invite us to live in the compassion of Christ. Your generosity with us is beyond measure. Forgive us when we take these gifts for granted. Help us to share them with others, so that we might learn again how precious they are. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Lisa Pope

*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 “What Does It Cost to Follow Jesus?” – Michael S. Bryson Chancel Choir

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 14:25-33

The cost of discipleship

Lisa Pope
p.94 New Testament

SERMON

“Informed Consent”

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 & 10:00 – Kelsey Pope

*HYMN

“Where He Leads Me”

#338

**I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling, “Take my cross and follow, follow me.”**

**I’ll go with him through the garden, I’ll go with him through the garden,
I’ll go with him through the garden, I’ll go with him, with him all the way.**

**He will give me grace and glory, he will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory, and go with me, with me all the way.**

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jonathan Chute

**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 G Major” – 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
Peggy Roulette, Church Office Administrator
Wade Welch, Treasurer

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