



“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.”

- Matthew 4:1

February 22, 2026

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

February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

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

“English Suite in A Major” – J. S. Bach

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 32

Leader: Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven, whose transgressions are washed away.

People: Blessed are those in whom the Lord finds no fault, in whose spirit is no deceit.

Leader: You are our hiding place, O Lord; you deliver us from distress.

People: Your unfailing love surrounds us; you enfold us in your saving grace.

*HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

#299

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Wise and loving God, you have given us your light and truth to guide us. Yet we have relied instead on our own wisdom and have lost our way. You offer to share our burdens and give us your strength. But we trust in our own efforts and find ourselves exhausted. Bring us back into your presence. Overcome our separation from each other and from you. Fill us with grace, so that we meet each day of our lives with hope, and be your people in the world. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Diane Salter

*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 *“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”* – arr. Charles Dickerson 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

- Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus faces temptation in the wilderness Diane Salter
Pg. 3, New Testament

SERMON *“Fast Track”* Jonathan Chute

*HYMN *“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”* #269

**Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.**

**As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.**

**And through these days of penitence, and through thy passion tide,
Yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.**

*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 C Major”* – Haydn 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
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