



“The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it,
but you do not know where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

- John 3:8

March 1, 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

March 1, 2026

Second 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

"In Deepening Shadows" – R. S. Stoughton

Rachel J. Choe

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills – where will I find help?

People: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: God will not let your foot stumble; the One who keeps you safe will never sleep.

People: The Lord will guard you as you come and go, now and for evermore.

*HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

#117

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!**

**Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Gracious God, you come to us in mystery and wonder. You move through your people as breath and wind, touching us with grace. Yet we seek to hold on to you. We prefer the certainty of answers to the openness of questions. We want to know where you will lead us before we choose to follow. Forgive us. Open our hearts to see what our minds cannot imagine, that you love the world so much that you sent your son, Jesus, that all may be saved in him. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Michele Nelson

*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 “God So Loved the World” – arr. Benjamin Harlan Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Kathy Platnick

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 Rachel J. Choe

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

- John 3:1-17 Jesus shows Nicodemus a new perspective Michele Nelson
Pg. 114, New Testament

SERMON “Born from Above” 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.

BLESSING AND 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 – Kay Gregory 10:00 – Carole Base

*HYMN “O Spirit of the Living God” #539

**O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
Descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.**

**Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,
The language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;
Till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one,
And earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.**

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 D minor” – Gaston Bélier

Rachel J. Choe

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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Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus
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