



April 5, 2026

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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

*Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE

"Christ Is Risen" – J. S. Bach

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 118

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!

Leader: For Christ is risen from the dead!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

*HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

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**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: O God, you have rolled away the stone of death and despair. You have opened to us the way of life in your son, Jesus Christ. Some of us have come to this place with hope, others with questions. We have this in common with the women on that early morning, who did not yet know what you had done. You calmed their fears and sent them to tell the others of the truth of your love. Forgive our uncertainty, our hesitation and fear. Lead us into the new life which you offer to us and to all. In the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

8:00 – Mark Roulette, 9:30 – Lisa Pope
& 11:00 – Phil Gerlach

*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

Jonathan Chute

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

"On This Glorious Easter Morning" – Joel Rainey

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

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**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

8:00 – Mark Roulette, 9:30 – Lisa Pope
& 11:00 – Phil Gerlach
p. 41, New Testament

- Matthew 28:1-10

Two women come to the tomb

SERMON

"The Way Out"

Jonathan Chute

*HYMN

"Christ Is Alive"

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**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
To distant years in Palestine,
He comes to claim the here and now
And dwell in every place and time.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and all creation ring
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

*BENEDICTION

Jonathan Chute

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Hallelujah" – G. F. Handel

Chancel Choir

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

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus
Althea Waites, Organist
Debra DeLuca, Children's Ministry Director
Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone Director
Michele Nelson, Executive Assistant
Catherine Dingman, Business Manager
Miguel Portillo, Custodian