



“As they were watching, he was lifted up,
and a cloud took him out of their sight.”

- Acts 1:9

May 17, 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

May 17, 2026

Ascension 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 & Postlude on “*Truro*” – G. Winston Cassler Robert Gaylord
Three settings of “*All Glory Be to God on High*”

*CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 47*

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples; shout to God with songs of joy!

People: For the Lord, our God, is awesome, a great ruler over all the earth.

Leader: With a shout of triumph the Lord goes up to the sound of joyful trumpets.

People: The Lord reigns over all the earth! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Leader: The leaders of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

People: All power and might belong to God; sing praises to God, sing praises!

*HYMN #62
“*All Creatures of Our God and King*”

**All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!**

**O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Dear Mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them God’s glory also show!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise ye! Alleluia!**

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: O God of life, we know that your grace is wider and your love is deeper
than we can imagine. You come to us in mystery and wonder. We cannot
comprehend your ways. Yet you ask us to trust you, even when the path before us is
uncertain. Forgive us for holding back, for clinging to the familiar, when Christ
invites us to new directions. Lead us in your grace and peace always. In his name we
pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Susan Deo

*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 CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround you with a community of love and forgiveness, that you may grow in God, and be found faithful in your service to others. We will pray for you that you may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

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 "At the Name of Jesus" – Cindy Berry 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 Robert Gaylord

*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

Acts 1:1-11 Jesus' last words to the disciples Pg. 143, New Testament Susan Deo

SERMON "Zoom Out, Zoom In" Jonathan Chute

*HYMN "Christ Is Alive" #318

**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.**

**Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.**

**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 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 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" – arr. Flor Peeters Robert Gaylord

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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