



“And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here,
for God sent me before you to preserve life.”

- Genesis 45:5

August 16, 2026

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

310-377-6771

**SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS
8:30 & 10:00 am and 5:30 pm**

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Today's altar flowers are from:

Don & Claire McCurry in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Don & Martha Tuffli in celebration of their 75th wedding anniversary.

Rev. Bonnie Hawk, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kristin Sutrave, Associate Pastor
Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director
Wade Welch, Treasurer
Peggy Roulette, Church Office Administrator
Miguel Portillo, Custodian

Rev. Sunyoung Park, Associate Pastor
Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director
Althea Waites, Organist
Debra DeLuca, Children's Ministry Director
Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone Director
Michele Nelson, Executive Assistant
Catherine Dingman, Business Manager

OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

August 16, 2026

8:30 and 10 am

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

*Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE

"The Love of God" – Robert W. Thygerson

Rachel J. Choe

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 67

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred people live together in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard of Aaron,

Leader: Running down over the collar of his robes.

People: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

Leader: For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

People: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred people live together in unity!

*HYMN

"Standing on the Promises" vs 1-3

#374

**Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]**

**Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's Sword,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Gracious God, how very good and pleasant it is when kindred people live together in unity. We confess that we are not always able to remain unified. Sometimes it is our pride that divides us, sometimes it is our commitment to our values. We pray for your spirit to soften any hardness of heart and strengthen our ability to dialogue. At the end of the day, bring us back together, especially within the body of Christ. For if we cannot think alike, may we still love alike.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Bill Leone

People: Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#64

**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

Bonnie Hawk

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

Bonnie Hawk

*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

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Rachel J. Choe

Soloist Carol Wooten

SCRIPTURE

Bill Leone

- Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph Is Reunited with his Brothers

Pg. 52, Old Testament

SERMON

"A God Who Goes Before"

Bonnie Hawk

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Sunny Park

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 *(Offering plates are located in the back
of the sanctuary or on the center narthex table.)*

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.**

*HYMN

"Christ Beside Me"

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**1, 3 Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me never to part.**

**2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising light of my life.**

***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 “*Toccata*” (from Douze Pièces pour Orgue, No. 3) – T. Dubois 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!

