



“This will be a day of remembering for you. You will observe it as a festival to the Lord.”

- Exodus 12:14

September 6, 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

September 6, 2026

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

**Standing - if comfortable*

PRELUDE

"Simple Gifts" – Aaron Copland

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;

People: Praise God in the heights! Praise God, all you angels;

Leader: Praise God, all you host!

People: Praise God, sun and moon;

Leader: Praise God all you shining stars!

People: Praise him, you highest heavens!

*HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" vs 1-3

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Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;

Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;

Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;

Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;

I will ever give to thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Merciful God, we know that your grace is wider and your love is deeper than we can imagine. Yet we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. At times we have not done your will, we have rebelled against your love, and we have broken your law. Forgive us, we pray, free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Lisa Pope

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

Sunny Park

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

Dr. Nancy Wallis

*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" – arr. Margaret Bonds
Soprano Abigail Whitman

Althea Waites

SCRIPTURE

- Exodus 12:1-14

The First Passover

Lisa Pope
p. 72, Old Testament

SERMON

"God of Midpoints"

Dr. Nancy Wallis

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

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.**

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 mystery and power of our faith.

People: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

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 – Diane Salter

10:00 – Marianne Hagiya

*HYMN

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” vs 1-3

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**He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate’er I do, where’er I be, still ’tis God’s hand that leadeth me.**

**(Refrain) He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.**

**Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden’s bowers bloom,
By waters still, o’er troubled sea, still ’tis his hand that leadeth me. (Refrain)**

**Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see, since ’tis my God that leadeth me. (Refrain)**

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Dr. Nancy Wallis

**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

“All Glory Be to God on High” – J. S. Bach

Althea Waites

Today’s altar flowers are from Hank & Carolyn Crowder
in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary.

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. 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