

**A Warm Welcome to  
Solomon's United Church of Christ**

Sunday, June 2, 2024 10:15 am  
Rev. Dr. Carole Kipe, Guest Preacher  
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**WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ORGAN PRELUDE & SILENT MEDITATION**

**GATHERING HYMN** "This is the Day" (v. 1) **Black # 84**

*This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made!  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it! And be glad in it!  
This is the day that the Lord has made! We will rejoice and be glad in it!  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made!*

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 139:1-5,14 adapted)

One: Holy One, you have searched and known us.

**All:** *You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts.*

One: You search out our paths and our lying downs and are acquainted with all my ways.

**All:** *Even before a word is on our tongues, O Holy One, you know it completely.*

One: You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us.

**All:** *We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works that we know very well.*

One: Let us worship God together!

**All:** *Amen!*

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Lord, I Want To Be a Christian" **Black # 454**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**All:** *As we gather according to your call, O God, be with us so that we may be refreshed and renewed. May the Holy Spirit descend upon us as we gather in worship and praise, for all you do in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER, CONFESSION, and ASSURANCE**

**ONE:** Dear God, you created us in your image of love, yet there have been times when we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. We ask for your forgiveness. We seek your mercy. We thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit who helps us to do better in bringing love and grace into the world through all we do and say. We rejoice, O God, that your grace is always abundantly granted. May we be changed by that grace – formed more into the image of Jesus for ourselves and for others. Praise be to you, O Merciful One! Amen.

**PRAISE HYMN**

**Black # 283**

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Deuteronomy 5:12-15  
**EPISTLE READING** 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

**HYMN** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" **Black # 506**

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 2:23-3:6

**SERMON**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

**All:** *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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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 INVITATION**

**\*PRESENTATION & OFFERING RESPONSE** **Black # 785**

*We give you but your own  
Whate'er the gift may be  
All that we have is yours alone  
We give it gratefully*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**All:** *O Holy One, with gratefulness for all you have provided, we offer and dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's name and for the flourishing of your beloveds. Bless all who receive, we pray, and bless all you give. Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Abide with Me" **Black # 99**

**\*BENEDICTION**

One: May the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit be with you and go with you always. Our Worship Service is ended,

**All:** *May our service never end. Amen.*

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

*\*Please stand as you're comfortable  
Liturgies from UCC Worship Ways, adapted by Rev. Julia L. Brown*