

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

Sunday, January 14, 2024 10:15 am

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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 (Inspired by Psalm 139)**

One: We praise you, O God, for you are our God, and we are your people.

All: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

One: Search us and know us, Creator, remove us from shadows into your presence.

All: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

One: Place your hand upon us, Gracious One, as we worship you and minister in your name.

All: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Black # 277

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

All: Sovereign One, we acknowledge your presence among us. Stir up the gifts you have planted among us. Hold us in your care and present a mirror before us so that we may know ourselves as you have known us. Strengthen us in your mercy and let your grace propel us to renewal and righteousness. Lift us so that we might arise in spirit and in truth for your glory. Amen.

MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER, CONFESSION, and ASSURANCE

ONE: Holy God, the scriptures remind us that we are created fearfully and wonderfully in your holy and divine image. We pray to reflect your goodness in the world. We confess that we have engaged in actions and attitudes contrary to your kingdom, and we ask for wisdom, guidance, and fortitude to be the people you have called us to be. May your forgiveness change us. May your mercy transform us. May your grace encourage us. O Holy One, we rejoice in the assurance that you know each of us fully and completely. We receive that knowing as a gift of assurance that your grace is sufficient for new life. Abide with us, O God, as we strive to follow the way of Jesus Christ. Praise be to you! 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

1 Samuel 3:1-10

PSALM READING

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

HYMN

“I Come to the Garden Alone”

Black # 237

GOSPEL READING

John 1:43-51

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: Generous God, we give thanks for all that you have provided for us. Cultivate and nurture in us attitudes of trust and gratitude. May our gifts be used for the benefit of your kingdom and all creation in your name. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“God Our Author and Creator”

Black # 530

***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*