

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

Sunday, January 19, 2025 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 36)

One: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

*All: For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!*

One: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep.

*All: For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!*

One: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart!

*All: For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life! Amen.*

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Black # 1

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*Magnificent God, we come to draw near to you. Your presence among us sustains and challenges us. In you, we find strength and surprises. May the songs we sing, the prayers we pray, the word proclaimed, and the lives touched honor your name. We give you glory and honor. We welcome you and pray that your spirit shapes us with fresh wind, power, and compassion. Amen.*

**MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*All: Gracious God, we live in the tension between expectation and reality. Sometimes, we navigate that tension with hope and clarity. At other times, we fester in doubt, disappointment, and uncertainty. Help us to release our need to control and enable us to embrace the possibilities. May our trust in your goodness and the power you have poured into us embolden our faith. Amen.*

One: Beloved, know that God’s grace meets us at our point of need with encouragement.

Circumstances change, and that’s the nature of God’s creative work. Receive the gift of new life with the unexpected experiences it brings. God is with you and equips you for the journey.

**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**

Isaiah 62:1-5

**EPISTLE READING**

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**HYMN**

“God of Change and Glory”

Black # 177

**GOSPEL READING**

John 2:1-11

**SERMON**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & OUR 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 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**

*Holy One, may our gifts declare your glory and benefit the common good. Receive them with our gratitude for your generosity and the opportunity to participate in your kingdom on earth. Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Black #77

**\*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 feel led and are comfortable  
Liturgies from the UCC’s Worship Ways, adapted by Rev. Julia L. Brown*