

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

Sunday, January 28, 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 111)

One: Praise God! Let us give thanks to God with our whole hearts.

*All: Great are God's works, full of honor and majesty. God's righteousness endures forever.*

One: God is gracious and merciful. The works of God's hands are faithful and just.

*All: Christ offers redemption to God's people. Holy and awesome is Jesus' name.*

One: Reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

*All: God's praise endures forever. Let us worship together! Amen.*

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“O Mighty God, When I survey in Wonder”

Black # 35

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*All: Holy God, holy, gracious, and merciful we gather mindful of your covenant with us and all creation. We gather mindful of your wonderful deeds and your powerful work among us. Grant that we may be joined with all your creation in praising you in the name of the One who was, and is, and is to come. Amen.*

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

**ONE:** Gracious and Merciful God, maker of covenant, faithful and just, we examine our lives in light of your righteousness which endures forever. You give us commandments, raise up prophets in our midst from among our own people. You speak to us, and ask us to become accountable. Yet often we ignore your ways and disdain your works. We close ourselves to your prophets and to the suffering in our world. Forgive us and renew us. Transform us and open our hearts. Help us to be faithful to you. The gift of your grace assures us that we can walk in renewed faithfulness, as we witness your goods works, and follow your call. Thanks be to you, O God! 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**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

**EPISTLE READING**

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

**HYMN**

“I Would Be True”

Black # 492

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 1:21-28

**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.*

**INSTALLATION OF NEW CONSISTORY MEMBERS**

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**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: Merciful God, we worship with our whole hearts, and give with our whole hearts, remembering your covenant with us. As we share these gifts, may they be for the work of faithful justice and gracious mercy through your church and in your world. Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

Black # 18

**\*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*