

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

Sunday, October 13, 2024 10:15 am

Rev. Julia L. Brown, Pastor

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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 90)

One: Satisfy us with your steadfast love, O God, so that we may rejoice and be glad always.

**All:** *The Holy One meets us in the stillness of our thoughts, in the joy of our laughter, in the spontaneity of our encounters, in the hope of our presence.*

One: Satisfy us with your steadfast love, O God, so that we may rejoice and be glad always.

**All:** *The Creator sustains us with mercy, reassures us with compassion, and challenges us with grace.*

One: Satisfy us with your steadfast love, O God, so that we may rejoice and be glad always.

**All:** *Let us worship our Maker in spirit and in truth, through pain and despair, with the fullness of our being. Amen.*

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

Black # 459

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**All:** *Everlasting God, we come before you with questions, and you question us in return. We declare that you are good, and you have declared us good. May we acknowledge that you make all things new, you redeem our days, and you empower us to be your people. In your presence, there is joy, and there is struggle. Peace surpasses understanding, and our hearts break. This defines the fullness of human community and experience in companionship with you. We give thanks for your presence and trust that you continue to transform us and our world. In your precious name, Amen.*

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

**ONE:** Just God, we confess our attachment to things of this world, to our possessions, and to objects of status. We acknowledge the pride we take in doing good things that require little of us while turning away from the needed things that challenge our wants and desires. Make us repairers of brokenness and restorers of what is lost. Help us to discern that life in full pursuit of your kingdom is rich, full, and freeing. Even as you challenge us, help us meet the moment with abounding love and abiding faith. Even as we confess and repent, help us rejoice in your transformative grace. Even as we fear, help us remember that you are faithful, good, and loving. All praise, honor, and glory are yours, O God! 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**

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

**EPISTLE READING**

Hebrews 4:12-16

**HYMN**

“Abide with Me”

Black # 99

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 10:17-31

**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:** *Gracious God, may the gifts we bring be magnified and do miracles in our community. Use them for restoration and hope as your kingdom is demonstrated before us all. Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“Great Is Your Faithfulness”

Black # 423

**\*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 by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay via the UCC's "Worship Ways," adapted by Rev. Julia L. Brown*