

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

Sunday, October 20, 2024 10:15 am

Rev. Julia L. Brown, Pastor

Church Website: mysolomonsucc.org

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 104)

One: We gather to worship, with all our hopes, weariness, joys, and concerns swirling within us. We gather to worship One who is both above our condition and with us in it.

All: *Bless the Holy One, O my soul. How great are you, O Creator. You are clothed with honor and majesty.*

One: How wonderful it is that God knows our names and seeks our presence.

All: *Bless the Holy One, O my soul. How great are you, O Creator. You are clothed with honor and majesty.*

One: Let us raise our spirits as one body, encouraging one another as we honor God's name.

All: *Bless the Holy One, O my soul. How great are you, O Creator. You are clothed with honor and majesty. Let us worship together! Amen.*

***OPENING HYMN**

“O How Glorious, Full of Wonder”

Black # 558

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

All: *Magnificent God, you are worthy of our praise, reverence, and honor. You come to us, and you come for us. Your embrace saves us from the condemnation of this world. Your tangible example leads us on a path to disrupt the sinful systems of oppression that keep your creation from life abundant. Your presence assures us that your covenant is everlasting and true. With thanksgiving and awe, we worship you. Amen.*

MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER, CONFESSION, and ASSURANCE

ONE: Liberating God, break us free from all the ways this world enslaves and ensnares your people. May our hearts be infused with your compassion. May our works be filled with your generosity. May our lives be testaments that new life in freedom, in love, and in you are possible. Transform us by your Spirit each day to be the part of you the world needs from us. We trust in your mercy and grace to empower us. Strengthen us in our weakness, O God. Direct us in our uncertainty and encourage us in our weariness. Form us, sustain us, and be with us through it all, we pray. In your precious and holy name, 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 38:1-7, 34-41

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 5:1-10

HYMN

“God of the Sparrow God of the Whale”

Black # 32

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:35-45

SERMON

PASTORAL PRAYER & OUR LORD'S PRAYER

All: *Good and Generous God, receive these gifts as an offering of our love and lives. May they be used to benefit your people and to honor your holy name. May they reflect your love and light into the world. May they bless all who receive from your hand and give from their hearts. 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**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Black # 31

***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