

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

Sunday, October 27, 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 34)

One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Bless God at all times.

*All: We praise God who is with us. We honor God who sustains, redeems, and delivers.*

One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Boast in the Holy One.

*All: We seek the Holy One who hears our cries with grace, mercy, and compassion.*

One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Let us magnify God together.

*All: O taste and see, hear and proclaim, touch and know that God is good. Bless the Holy One! Amen.*

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“Praise to the Living God”

Black # 8

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*All: Loving God, it is good to be with you in the company of others. When we seek you, we find you. When we pray, you respond. When we listen, your voice sounds. Make your presence palpable in the places we gather. We come to be formed, informed, and transformed by your lavish and bountiful love for your glory and for all you hold within your heart. Amen.*

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

**ONE:** Gracious God, break our hearts for what breaks yours. Forgive us for hearts that are sometimes cold with indifference. Forgive us for hearts sometimes hard with inflexibility. Forgive us for hearts closed with isolation. Open our hearts fully to compassion and companionship with our neighbor and your vision of a beloved kingdom come. By your grace, O God, may heartbreak transform into compassion, mutuality, and ministry that makes your love real in the world. By your mercy, Holy One, may we be freed to love as we have been loved. May we glorify you and magnify your goodness in every sector of our lives. All praise be to you, Gracious One! 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 42:1-6, 10-17

**EPISTLE READING**

Hebrews 7:23-28

**HYMN**

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

Black # 433

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 10:46-52

**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: Loving God, bless us with increased generosity, trust, and faithfulness. Receive these gifts as an offering of praise. May needs be met, lives be changed, and hearts be warmed through our giving. Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Black # 547

**\*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*