

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

Sunday, October 6, 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 26)

One: The Holy One dwells within and beyond the congregation, making a home among us.

*All: Prove us, and try us; Holy One, test our hearts and minds.*

One: The glory of the Sovereign One abides with us, illuminating our journey, energizing our gathering, and warming our spirits.

*All: Prove us, and try us; Holy One, test our hearts and minds.*

One: Bless the Name of Names, the God of Truth, and the Giver of Life with songs of praise, prayers of hope, and moments of connection.

*All: Prove us, and try us; Holy One, test our hearts and minds. Amen.*

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Black # 28

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*All: Majestic God, your realm encompasses the universe, the earth, and our community. All creation declares your glory. May we unite with our kin around the world in celebrating you and the connections we share. As we gather in your name, may we remember those we join in faith, hope, and worship on every continent representing every tradition. May we declare in spirit and in truth...one bread, one body...the church striving to one as you, Sustainer, Redeemer, and Spirit are one. Amen.*

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

**ONE:** Holy One, we come to this gathering, the table, and your presence mindful that this day particularly celebrates our human connectedness. The reality lies far from the idea and your vision of beloved community. You call us to remember the poor, the marginalized, the immigrant, the isolated and abandoned. You command us to love our neighbor and have blessed us to live in an era in which we may know our neighbors from across the world to amazing degrees. Yet, we cling to our echo chambers and isolationist tendencies. We place our desires and comforts over the good of the world. We demonize difference rather than dignify diversity. Forgive us and have mercy on us while propelling us to new life. Extend your grace to transform our attitude and actions. Infuse us with openness, curiosity, and love. Believing in your transformative mercy, we praise you, O God!

**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 1:1; 2:1-10

**EPISTLE READING**

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

**HYMN**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

Black # 395

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 10:2-16

**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.*

**COMMUNION**

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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: Holy One, we thank you for the abundance you provide and for the privilege to share with our community, that all may flourish. By our generosity and by your provision, sufficiency, and renewing power, may we see that there is enough for all. May we rejoice in your abundance. Bless these gifts. Bless those who give. Bless all who receive. Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!”

Black # 257

**\*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*