A Warm Welcome to

Solomon's United Church of Christ

Sunday, November 1st, 2026 10:00 am
All Saints' Day

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRELUDE & SILENT MEDITATION

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** (inspired by Psalm 34)

One: I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
Many: This poor soul cried as was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.
One: The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
Many: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.
One: O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.
Many: The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

***OPENING HYMN** **"O for a World"** **Black # 575**

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)**
O God, We give thanks that you are a God who does not sever us from our ancestors, but continually calls us toward habits of remembrance. Let us embrace the names and honor those members of the divine community who came before us. Let us remember those who endured, those who suffered, and those who kept the faith for us to inherit. Let us pass on their obedience and love for You to those who will follow after us. Our saints belong to You and to us and are worthy of honor and memory. Amen.

MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER and PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION (unison)
Present God, we confess that we have not cared well for our memory, personal and collective. We occupy ourselves with dreaming of the future and dismiss the habits of remembrance and of honoring the past. We have let our stories die without compassion or reverence. We have not become curious about our elders and ancestors. Forgive us and have mercy on us, that we would encounter one another with greater clarity of the stories that formed us. Ground us, that the memories that bring joy will uplift us, and our memories that bring pain will teach us to grieve, to endure, and to carry each other's burdens. And if we dream for what's to come, may it be a dream that holds memory for all that has made us. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

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

THE FIRST LESSON **Revelation 7:9-17**
EPISTLE LESSON **1 John 3:1-3**

HYMN **"O God of Love, O God of Peace"** **Black # 571**

GOSPEL LESSON **Matthew 5:1-12**

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**
Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions - signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us - Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** **"Lead on Eternal Sovereign"** **Black #573**

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 has ended.
Many: May our service never end. Amen.

CHIMES AND POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you're comfortable*
Liturgies provided and adapted from Arthur Riley, Cole. Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems and Meditations for Staying Human. Hodder Faith, 2025.

Invitation to Generosity - provided by Discipleship Ministries, umcdiscipleship.org

Words of Grace
Let your soul receive this rest; The God who keeps record can forgive you. God has mercy on all the memories and stories that have been lost, stolen, or forgotten. Receive healing and shelter from the memories that may be too much to bear. Forgive yourselves, as God forgives you, and claim and preserve the memories and stories of the faith that has made you. You are forgiven, Thanks be to God.

Invitation to Generosity
Gracious God of every growing gift, you call forth saints not with perfection, but with purpose- to grow in faith, abound in love, and serve with steadfastness. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude, given by those you are shaping for good works in Christ. Use them to build up your church, to bless the world, and to honor those who have taught us to love more deeply. May our generosity today reflect your glory and strengthen us to walk ever more faithfully in your way. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Benediction
May God travel with you into the new stories you will write, and be with you as you remember the stories that have brought you here. May the pilgrimage you make with God this week return you freer and more whole, both in body and in soul.