

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

Sunday, November 10, 2024 10:15 am

Rev. Julia L. Brown, Pastor

Church Website: [mysolomonsucc.org](http://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 146)

One: From generation to generation, the Holy One has loved justice and righteousness, lifted the broken and bowed, and opened possibilities for the dejected.

**All: Help, hope, and happiness are of the Holy One, who reigns forever. Trust in God!**

One: When the power brokers, corrupt systems, and tools of violence have failed us, the Holy One has remained faithful to abiding love and abundant liberation.

**All: Help, hope, and happiness are of the Holy One, who reigns forever. Follow God!**

One: Praise the Holy One with song and dance, in spirit and in truth, for God's glory and for life abundantly!

**All: Help, hope, and happiness are of the Holy One, who reigns forever. Praise be to God! Let us worship together! Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Black # 277

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**All: Living God, we offer you praise in your presence. We give you thanks for life in this community. Some come seeking. Others come assured. Some have questions. Others simply want company. Whatever our reasons for gathering, may they all lead us to an encounter with you, your grace, and your way. Infuse us with your power, forged in love, so that we might be encouraged and respond as agents of your kingdom on earth. Amen.**

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

**ONE:** God of mercy and possibilities, forgive us for clinging to the measures of success and security in our world rather than trusting in the abundance of your creation. Help us to recognize the kingdom coming and our role as participants in your realm. Liberate us from the bonds of consumerism, scarcity, and self-centeredness, and make us vessels of your love come alive in the world. Journey with us, O Holy One, and enable us to grow in grace, peace, and contentment. With praise and thanksgiving, we rejoice in the promise of your transformative mercy. May we forgive as we have been forgiven, and love as we have been loved. 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**

Ruth 3:1-5 and 4:13-17

**EPISTLE READING**

Hebrews 9:24-28

**HYMN**

“Be Not Dismayed”

Black # 460

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 12:38-44

**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: God of generosity and giver of gifts, receive our offerings as a reflection of our gratitude and trust in your sovereignty. Like the widow and Elijah, may the jars that sustain us never empty and never fail. May we witness the miracle of your provision through our generosity and for your glory. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“Children of God”

Black # 533

**\*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 feel led and are comfortable*

*Liturgies adapted from the UCC's Worship Ways, adapted by Rev. Julia L. Brown*