

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

Sunday, November 24, 2024 10:15 am

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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**

One: Rejoice in the light of the morning! Give thanks for the sun, even through the clouds!

All: God has spoken to us and meets us here. We live in covenant with the Eternal One.

One: Gather in the spirit of Jesus, whose name we bear!

All: We celebrate the faithful witness of Jesus Christ. We seek to share his good news.

One: The Spirit encounters us here so that we might learn. The Spirit inspires us so that we might serve.

All: God anoints us for ministry, giving us tasks to do. God's word is on our tongues, that the world may love. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Black # 7

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

All: Speak to us, eternal God. Find your dwelling place today, not just in this sanctuary, but in our hearts and lives – and not just today, but every day. Clothe us, your priests, with faithfulness and with garments of joy. May we know your grace and peace as we honor your majesty, bowing in awe before the one who was, and is, and is to come. Amen.

MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER, CONFESSION, and ASSURANCE

ONE: Loving God, we confess that we have been more like thorn bushes than like oaks of righteousness. We tire of satisfying the poor with bread and upholding the covenant and decrees you have offered us. We turn away from your anointed one, questioning his role in history and his relevance for us. We admit that our inner faith battles are often the screen we use to keep from facing our sin, admitting our guilt, and seeking reconciliation. Open our eyes, heal our open wounds, and embrace us in your love that we might be forgiven. You are the alpha and the omega, the source and the ending of all that is and yet will be. Know us. Love us. Have mercy upon us, we pray. Transform our hearts. Align us with your will. Form us, we pray, into the image of Jesus, who reigns with you now and forever. 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

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

HYMN

“Be Now My Vision”

Black # 451

GOSPEL READING

John 18:33-37

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: Our offerings measure our faithfulness to you, mighty God. They witness to the importance we place on sharing your Word, ministering to one another, and reaching out to make a difference in your world. As we have been influenced by your love in Jesus Christ, help us to communicate that love by what we do and say. Let us become as lamps brightening a cloudy day, as light breaking forth at dawn. To that end, we dedicate ourselves with our gifts. 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 feel led and are comfortable*

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