

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

Sunday, November 3, 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**

One: How often have we imagined God far off? God is not in some remote heaven, but here.

All: *We wait and watch for God's appearing. Come, Holy One, to wipe away our tears.*

One: Stretch out your hands and open your hearts.

All: *God reaches out to comfort. We can sense God's hand of blessing resting on us.*

One: The earth and all things in it are God's. The world and all its people belong to God.

All: *We are God's people, called and loved by Christ. Let us worship together! Amen.*

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Black # 86

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

All: *Creator of all life, you are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end of all things. You forgive our transgressions and restore us to wholeness. You swallow up death in the larger reality of life eternal. You grant hope for a new heaven and earth even in the midst of our present struggles. Surely you will bless us in this time of worship, unbinding us from our burdens and freeing us to worship in spirit and in truth. Amen.*

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

ONE: We are unprepared to meet you, mighty God, but we cannot put off this encounter. You continue to summon us to the mountaintop, there to feel your presence and respond to your Word.

You invite us to lift up our heads and to see the ruler of glory but we have stubbornly refused to acknowledge your work among us or to see any purpose emerging from the depths of our despair. We fear death. We shrink from life. Our greatest sin is that we cut ourselves off from you, O God. Help us, we pray! Make your home among us and within us. Help us to see that every place we go is your holy ground. You are the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end, here in these moments to fill us with a sense of forgiveness and to free us from our sin. Praise be to you, O Holy 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**

Isaiah 25:6-9

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Revelation 21:1-6a

**HYMN**

“O Savior, for the Saints”

Black # 298

**GOSPEL READING**

John 11:32-44

**SERMON**

**ALL SAINTS TIME OF REMEMBRANCE**

*(You are invited to come forward, lift the name of a loved one, and light a candle)*

Pastor: We remember those who have died. We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve.

We remember...

Pastor: This is the mystery of our faith:

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**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: *The earth is yours, O God, and all that is in it. We have received untold blessings from your hand. You set before us the vision of a new heaven and a new earth, inviting us to share in its formation. May the love of Jesus be expressed to others by our sharing of gifts in time, talent, and treasure. This offering of service and sacrifice is the high point of our worship. Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

Black # 295

**\*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 adapted from Led By Love by Lavon Bayler*