

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

Sunday, November 5, 2023 10:15 am

Rev. Julia L. Brown, Pastor

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** (Psalm 107, adapted by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay)

One: Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!

All: We've been gathered from all directions and in all spaces to declare the greatness of God.

One: Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!

All: We have been redeemed by the abiding love of our Creator.

One: Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!

All: Let the redeemed proclaim God's wondrous works. Great is the Holy One and greatly to be praised! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“O How Glorious, Full of Wonder”

Black # 558

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

All: God our Teacher, please instruct us in the ways of humility and love. Help us to discern your will for us, and to follow your call. Give us your heart for serving our neighbor. Assure us of your abiding presence and holy guidance. May we recognize and accept the role you ask us to play in your work. May your kingdom come with power and gentleness in your name. Amen.

MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER, CONFESSION, and ASSURANCE

ONE: Exalted God, we sometimes struggle to trust you in all aspects of our lives. We sometimes seek validation from temporal and inadequate sources, rather than from your calling for our lives. We confess that we often base our identity on human structures, plans, and schemes, rather than on your will for us. We so easily fail to be satisfied with the gifts and purpose you have given to us. We forget to appreciate the ways in which we are uniquely and wonderfully made and called. Renew in us a desire to follow you, O God. Help us to remember that your plan for us is filled with hope, and that your calling for us is filled with purpose. We rejoice knowing that we are loved and forgiven by you. May that grace encourage us as we pursue you and your will. 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 6:1-8

EPISTLE READING

Romans 1:20a

HYMN

“Creator God, Creating Still”

Black # 278

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:18-22

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: Generous God, thank you for the gifts you give and the privilege and honor of bringing our gifts before you for the good of your kingdom. Receive our humble offerings and magnify them to meet the needs of our community. Send your blessing upon this bounty that all who receive it may be blessed. May it go out into the community with your love. May you be known through it. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Called as Partners in Christ's Service”

Black # 495

***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 UCC Worship Ways by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsey