

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

Sunday, December 1, 2024 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** (inspired by Psalm 25:4-5, from LiturgyLink)

One: The Psalmist says, “Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.” In the beginning was the Word—spoken and breathed, a promise made and kept.

All: Listen and hear—God’s promise is true!

One: The Word was in the beginning, and through God all things come into being.

All: Eternal and near at hand, already and not-yet, God’s promise is the foundation of all life.

One: Listen! Hear the covenant anew, giving voice to a future with hope.

The candle of hope is lit.

***OPENING HYMN**

“O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder”

Black # 35

A BLESSING FOR BEGINNING AGAIN IN ADVENT

Written by Dr. Kate Bowler

MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

All: God of promises and possibilities, we admit that we color the world according to our own limited vision. We are often unjust in our judgements and faithless in our relationships. We are haunted by sins we have not confessed. Hear us as we entrust them to your forgiving care. Help us to let go of our transgressions, to renew our covenant with you, and to live constructively with one another. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, whose coming among us we await with great expectation, Amen.

One: The mercy of God is new every day. We are free to accept the difference it can make in us.

God’s steadfast love is waiting to embrace us as whole people, to instruct us and to lead us in the paths of truth. Put your trust in God, for God holds us securely.

PRAISE HYMN

Black # 125

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

CHILDREN’S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

HYMN

“Watcher, Tell Us of the Night”

Black # 103 (Red #85)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:25-36

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.

COMMUNION

(insert)

OFFERING INVITATION

***PRESENTATION & OFFERING RESPONSE**

Red # 89

O come, let us adore him! / O come, let us adore him!

O come, let us adore him! / Christ, the Lord!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Thank you, God, for this family of faith, which enriches our lives and enables us to share. Thank you for making us aware of the needs of others. We are grateful that you show us ways to lift the burdens of our siblings, your children. May our offerings further this ministry among us and beyond our community. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“In the Bleak Midwinter” (vv. 1, 2, & 4)

Black #128 (Red #102)

***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 Lavon Bayler’s Gathered By Love, adapted by Rev. Julia L. Brown