

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

Sunday, February 11, 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 50)

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting God speaks to us and summons us.

All: God gathers us in covenant; God's glory shines forth.

One: God calls to the heavens and to the earth: “Gather to me my faithful ones.”

All: The heavens and the earth declare God's righteousness. Let us worship God together! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding”

Black # 182

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

All: Mighty God, you call to us. You call to the heavens and to the earth in covenant. And so we call to you: be present as we worship. Gather us, that we may hear your voice and respond to your ways of righteousness. We pray in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER, CONFESSION, and ASSURANCE

ONE: Mighty God, you invite us to come to worship as our whole selves – fully sinner and saint.

You offer us a new beginning day by day and week by week. Trusting in you, we pray for transformation and new life. O God, you call to us and summon us to live in covenant and walk in righteousness, yet we forsake your covenant and too often walk in ways of injustice, ignorance, or disdain. Your beauty shines forth in creation, yet we abuse and tarnish what you have made. May we be willing to do the hard thing: may we see what is happening. May we see what we do. May we be called to account and encouraged to change. Judge us with grace and with mercy, we pray. Renew us. Forgive us. Shape us into your image, into the people you would have us be, for the sake of others. We rejoice in the promise of your forgiveness and give great thanks for your abundant mercy! Praise be to you, O Mighty 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

2 Kings 2:1-12

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

HYMN

“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

Black # 183

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:2-9

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: Mighty God, you live, and you do not leave us. With these gifts, we do not leave each other, but use them in mutual support. Bless those who receive and benefit from these gifts. May they know your presence with them. With these gifts, our prayers rise up to you. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Black # 77

***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 from UCC Worship Ways, adapted by Rev. Julia L. Brown