

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

Sunday, February 15, 2026 9:00 am

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**WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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: On this Transfiguration Sunday, we gather on the mountaintop with Jesus, wondering what we will encounter.

*Many: We come to encounter God's glory revealed.*

One: We witness the revelation of Christ's divinity made plain before us.

*Many: We come to witness God's glory revealed.*

One: We remember that God's glory is not about spectacle but truth, not about show but about Love made real among us.

*Many: We come to remember God's glory revealed.*

One: We follow Jesus down from the mountaintop into the valleys, as God's glory goes before us and behind us.

*Many: We come to be sent out to share God's glory revealed. Thanks be to God! Amen.*

**OPENING HYMN**

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

Black # 182

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)**

*Radiant God, we come to you on the mountaintop to experience your glory. You come to us in the valleys. We meet you in gladness in a place where heaven and earth collide. May our worship of you encourage us on the journey and make us aspire to reflect your kingdom in the world. Transform us and keep us near to you. Amen.*

**MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER and PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION (unison)**

*Holy God, we confess that we do not trust You fully. We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises, and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart. You have given us a love more full than anything we could experience in this world but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it, and we look to our own means of assurance and security. Forgive us. Call us back to You that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid. May we hear the words so clearly as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration; may we rise up and not be afraid. In the name of Jesus, who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray. Amen.*

**WORDS OF GRACE**

You are God's Beloved; with you, God is well pleased. You are renewed and restored. You are forgiven and loved.

You are a new creation in Christ, everything old has passed away; see, everything is becoming new. Go and share the good news of God's love. 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**

Exodus 24:12-18

**EPISTLE READING**

2 Peter 1:16-21

**HYMN**

"When Peace. Like a River"

Black # 438

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 17:1-9

**SERMON**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & OUR LORD'S PRAYER (unison)**

*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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (unison)**

*Radiant God, you meet us in moments of mystery and transformation, calling us to listen, to follow, and to give ourselves in love. As we offer these gifts, we confess our impatience with waiting and our longing for clarity, even when you speak from the cloud. Let these offerings be more than habit; let them reflect the light of Christ we have glimpsed on the mountaintop and the hope we carry into the valleys below. Use them—and us—to shine your love where shadows linger, until all your beloved children know they are seen, named, and cherished. In the name of your Beloved Son, we pray. Amen.*

**BENEDICTION**

One: Come down from the mountain with mountain-like faith. Walk on God's paths as bright, shining lights. Live in God's ways with faith, hope, and love. Go into the world transformed and renewed! 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,

*Many: May our service never end. Amen.*

*Liturgies adapted from <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org>. Originally written by various authors.*