

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

Sunday, February 16, 2025 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** (Inspired by Psalm 1)

One: Happy are those who delight in the law of the Holy One. Meditate on God’s word day and night.

All: *Our Sovereign God watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.*

One: Happy are those who delight in the law of the Holy One. Plant yourself like a tree and yield good fruit in due season.

All: *Our Sovereign God watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.*

One: Happy are those who delight in the law of the Holy One. Prosper in all that you do according to kingdom measures.

All: *Our Sovereign God watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. Amen.*

***OPENING HYMN**

“God Is Truly with Us”

Black #68

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Righteous God, you create us for community, and you commune with us. May we seek your presence anew this day and in the time to come. Help us to recognize you in the sound and feel of our own breath and in the movement or noise of those around us. Embolden us to faith that surpasses understanding and ministry that reflects radical trust in you and the path of abundance, compassion, and connection. Let our worship in song and prayer be a foreshadowing of our worship in action and witness. Transform us from despair to hope, complacency to courage, and indifference to love in your name. Amen.

MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Abiding God, you come near to us. We give thanks that you do not turn away from us when our lives reflect messiness, ungraciousness, and complacency. Take us deeper, O God, and help us to confront what needs to be known, addressed, and changed within us, our community, and our world. Forgive us and free us from guilt and shame so that we might embrace a life of accountability and transformation for the glory of God and for the hope of humanity. 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

Jeremiah 17:5-10

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

HYMN

“O Savior, Let Me Walk with You”

Black #503

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:17-26

SERMON

PASTORAL PRAYER & OUR LORD’S PRAYER

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**

Generous God, you have planted generosity in our hearts. Receive our gifts as part of your redemptive work to save the world from inequities, pain, and despair. May our resources be renewed and magnified so that all needs are met and your name be praised. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Black #42

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