

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

Sunday, February 2, 2025 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 71)

One: In the Holy One, we take refuge; let us never be put to shame. Our praise is continually of you.

All: In your righteousness deliver us and hear our cries for justice and peace.

One: In the Holy One, we draw strength; let us never be put to shame. Our praise is continually of you.

All: Be a rock of refuge for the vulnerable, a strong fortress to save creation, for you are our rock and fortress.

One: In the Holy One, we receive courage; let us never be put to shame. Our praise is continually of you.

All: Rescue us, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel, for you, Holy One, are our hope and trust. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Black # 43

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Emmanuel, we welcome you in our midst. You amaze and inspire, challenge and convict, comfort and fortify. May we be open and receptive to your voice and presence among us. Let your words encourage us to be prophetic, passionate, and public in our ministry as we praise and honor your name. Amen.

MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God Who Knows Us, we pray that you form and shape us anew. Remind us who we are and draw us back to you. Transform us in love, correct us with compassion, and lead us with clarity into the paths of righteousness, truth, and peace. Forgive us for the ways that we reject your presence, your guidance, and your will. Redeem and restore us as your beloved creation and active citizens of your kingdom. In Jesus, we pray. 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 1:4-10

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

HYMN

“God Our Author and Creator”

Black #530

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:21-30

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.

INSTALLATION OF NEW LAY LEADERS

Cindy Holmquist - Elder | Darla Shank - Deacon | Jeff Sanders - Trustee

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**

Giver of Good Gifts, may the gifts we give reflect your abundance and generosity. Use our time, talent, and treasure to serve our community and the world. May each offering be a seed that will grow, spread, and perfume the atmosphere with faith, hope, and love. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult”

Black # 172

***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