

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

Sunday, February 4, 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 147 and Isaiah 40)

One: To whom can we compare you, O Holy One?

All: We lift up our eyes,

One: We wait upon the Eternal: our God.

All: How good it is to sing praises to our God.

One: A song of praise is fitting!

All: Let us worship God together! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“O How Glorious, Full of Wonder”

Black # 558

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

All: Everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth, you who spread the heavens like a curtain, and make us a tent to live in, gather us in the shelter of your love, and renew our strength, that with wings as eagles we might not grow weary as we walk with you. We pray in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER, CONFESSION, and ASSURANCE

ONE: Holy One, we hope in your steadfast love, bringing our broken hearts and our wounded spirits. Make us aware of the hearts we break, the spirits we wound, of those we treat as outcasts, of those we tread down. Renew us in your grace, renew us in your strength. O God, we rejoice that you do not grow weary with us, but that you love, forgive, and renew us. May we walk in our faith with renewed strength. May we love our neighbors as we have been loved by you. Thanks be to you, O God, for the forgiveness of sins! Alleluia! 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

Isaiah 40:21-31

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

HYMN

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Black # 472

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:29-39

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ileana Bosenbark

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: Holy One, we bring our gifts and pray that they may be for the building up and lifting up of your people, for the binding of wounds and the healing of hearts, for shelter and for covering and clothing for those in need. With these gifts we offer our songs of praise as we hope in your steadfast love. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“O Savior, Let Me Walk with You”

Black # 503

***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