

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

Sunday, February 8, 2026 9:00 am

Rev. Julia L. Brown, Pastor

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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**

One: People of God, why are you here?

Many: We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.

One: People of God, who do you worship?

Many: We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.

One: People of God, how do you worship?

Many: We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.

One: People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!

Many: May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“O for a World”

Black # 575

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)**

God of compassion and justice, the worship you choose for us is to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free, to share bread with the hungry, to shelter the homeless poor. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your healing shall spring up quickly. So, in praise and wonder, we come to worship you not just with our words but with our hearts and our lives. Glory and honour be to you, O God, Creator of a new heaven and a new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER and PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION (unison)

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven. May we be strengthened in all goodness. Since we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Thanks be to God; 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 58:1-9a

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-12[13-16]

HYMN

“Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You”

Black # 510

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-20

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.

INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY MEMBERS

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)**

Liberating God, You call us to a fast not of silence, but of service; not of hiding, but of healing. You ask that our worship be more than words, that our offerings be more than ritual. Receive these gifts as signs of our willingness to share bread with the hungry, to break chains of injustice, to repair what is broken. May our generosity reflect your mercy and our living mirror your love. Use us and these gifts, so that light might rise in the darkness and hope take root where despair has reigned. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"This Little Light of Mine"

Black # 524

BENEDICTION

One: As you have been fed, go to feed the hungry. As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned. As you have been received – give. As you have heard – proclaim. 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.

ORGAN CHIMES AND POSTLUDE

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