

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

Sunday, February 9, 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**

One: There is a good word for you if you are weary.

*All: It is the Word of Love, deeper than every despair.*

One: There is a good word if you have ever felt unworthy.

*All: It is the Word of Hope, “Do not be afraid!”*

One: There is a good word that needs to be heard.

*All: It is the Word of Life, that raises up abundant blessings. Let us worship God together!*

*Amen.*

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“Jesus Calls Us, o’er the Tumult”

Black # 172

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*Loving God, gather us anew into your net of love. Interrupt whatever overwhelms us with the gift of your renewing grace. Plumb every depth and reveal your holy abundance. Let it awaken us to what you make possible when we risk answering your invitation to begin again. Gift us with the courage to trust the command of Christ to put out into the deep, even when it doesn’t seem to make sense. Answer our trust with your promised presence, which reveals an ever-new rising. Bless us as we gather in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*All: Holy One, it is easy to succumb to weariness when our work has seemed to yield little goodness. Hope-crushing night can seem so long. Yet You call us to keep putting out into the deep, facing the reality of our emptiness. Sometimes it is of our own making. At other times, pressures beyond have submerged us to the point of losing our breath. So we release everything to you. We pray that Your promised forgiveness will continue to be trustworthy and true. Let it raise us up for some work of abundance made possible by your grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

One: Friends, hear the words of Jesus, “Do not be afraid!” There is nothing in our past that matters more than what God can do. We are forgiven by the one who has endured the depths of death and has risen to ever-new life. This is the Good News! You can trust it with your life. Thanks be to God!

**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 6:1-8

**EPISTLE READING**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**HYMN**

“There Is a Name I Love to Hear”

Black #52

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 5:1-11

**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**

*God of the bursting nets, we thank you for your abundant blessings rising up at every turn. Multiply these gifts and our faith that your good news of life-giving love may stretch wider still. Form us deep in your heart for this good and gracious work. Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

Black # 531

**\*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*