

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

Sunday, March 23, 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 27:1)

One: You who are thirsty:

All: Come to receive living water.

One: You who are hungry:

All: Taste the bread that satisfies.

One: You who long for connection:

All: Receive the fellowship of this community, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

One: You who search for love:

All: Experience the love of Jesus expressed in music, prayer, community, word, and action.

One: May this time of worship fill and refresh you.

All: Let us worship God together! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Praise to the Living God”

Black #8

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Holy One, draw us into community and connection. Let us receive you and our companions in worship. Keep us open to the unexpected, so that we may perceive your work in the world, and your work in us. Amen.

MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

All: Gracious God, sometimes we are disappointed by other people, too ready to dismiss or discard them. Help us to see in others what you see in them: their growth, the fruits that they offer. Forgive us when we too quickly judge others. Forgive us also, when we doubt that we can be worthy followers of you. May we be inspired to nurture your people and ourselves. Amen.

One: God's ways are not our ways. Where we would condemn ourselves or others, God forgives. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

PRAISE HYMN

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim;
Let all adore and praise that sacred name.*

Black # 198

CHILDREN'S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

HYMN

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

Black #23

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:1-9

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 # 778

Praise God from whom all blessings flow / Praise God, all creatures here below

Praise God for all that love has done / Creator, Christ, and Spirit, one.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Dear God, take these offerings of treasure and of our lives, to use for your purposes in the world. Bless all who give, and all who receive. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Come to Tend God's Garden”

Black #586

***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*