

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

Sunday, March 30, 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: Have you come far to be here today?

*All: You enrich our gathering: welcome!*

One: Have you come from around the corner?

*All: You enrich our gathering: welcome!*

One: Do you seek sanctuary? Do you seek inspiration?

*All: May this worship meet you.*

One: Do you come with purpose? Do you come with questions?

*All: We welcome you as you are! Let us worship God together! Amen.*

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“Let Us with a Joyful Mind” (vv. 1-4)

Black #16

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*Holy One, we come into your presence and the presence of this fellowship. We are seeking a little light, some hope, and healing. Open us to know you, to receive you, and to find here your transforming love. Amen.*

**MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*All: Dear God, your gifts are generous and yet we often fail to appreciate what we have been given. We demand more, but squander what we have received. Forgive us for taking for granted what we receive from you. When we fail to accept what you offer, or fail to steward those gifts, bring us back to awareness of you. Amen.*

One: However far we wander, God is always ready to receive us, to enfold us in love and grace. In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven. Praise be to God! Amen.

**PRAISE HYMN**

Black # 198

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

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Joshua 5:9-12

**EPISTLE READING**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**HYMN**

“O God, How We Have Wandered”

Black #202

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**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**

*Gracious God, bless these gifts and our lives to your service. May we always respond to your generosity with generosity of our own. Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Black #43

**\*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*