

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

Sunday, April 13, 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 118)

One: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

One: This is the day that God has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

**All: God has given us light.**

One: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever! Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" **Black # 216**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*Gracious God, let us trust in your presence with us in all times, the sad and scary times as well as the joyous celebrations. Open us to receive you anew today. Amen.*

**MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*All: Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, we may be tempted to skip parts of the story. There are challenging chapters ahead of us. We may want to turn away from the betrayals and hardships and suffering in the Passion Story, just as we too often turn away from the hardships and suffering of people in our own time. Forgive us when our focus slips. Bring us back to the path you set before us. Renew our strength and increase our faithfulness. Amen.*

One: Receive this good news: God reaches out to us to draw us close. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Praise be to God!

**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**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

**EPISTLE READING**

Philippians 2:5-11

**HYMN**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

**Black # 213**

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 19:28-40

**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, use our offerings and our lives to bring wholeness to this world. May these gifts of time, talent, and treasure bring glory to you. May they share and show your love in the world. Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

"Ride on! Ride On in Majesty"

**Black # 215**

**\*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*