

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

Sunday, April 14, 2024 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: Let us fill our hearts and minds with hope as we hear the Words of Jesus Christ.

*All: “Peace be with you.”*

One: When peace and justice seem uncertain, let us hear anew the Words of Jesus Christ.

*All: “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?”*

One: Let us be comforted by the presence of Christ, whose love, and light dwells within us.

*All: Let our lives be witnesses of these things.*

One: May God help us to be instruments of Christ’s peace to all in need of God’s healing love.

*All: Let us worship God together and with joy! Amen.*

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“Lift High the Cross”

Black # 198

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*All: Risen Christ, create in us a clean heart so that we can meditate in your peace; abide in your mercy; be filled with your justice; and be made new by your love. Be present with us as we worship. Move us according to your will as we live in your world. In your name, we pray, O God. Amen.*

**MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER, CONFESSION, and ASSURANCE**

**ONE:** Loving God, in your infinite wisdom, we are glad that you make all things new. Forgive us, we pray. Transform us so that we may be instruments of your peace and love in the world. We confess to you so that we may be moved to do and be better people of your Kingdom. Where there is hate, help us show your love. Where there is war, help us bring your peace. Where there is despair, help us bring your hope. Where there is fear, help us bring your understanding. Where there is scarcity, help us bring your abundance. Where there is systemic oppression, help us bring equal justice for all. By your perfect grace and mercy, O God, make us new. We rejoice in your forgiveness. Help us to respond to your love with love for all the world. Praise be to you, O Holy One! 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**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Acts 3:12-19

**EPISTLE READING**

1 John 3:1-7

**HYMN**

“O My Soul, Bless Your Creator”

Black # 13

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 24:36-48

**SERMON**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & OUR LORD’S PRAYER**

*All: 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**

*All: Loving God, we remember that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. May these gifts of blessing be a sign of your love, light, and glory – of the One who created a world of abundance with all that we need. May we remain thankful witnesses to your generosity, O God, as we dedicate these offerings to you and your beloved creation. Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Black # 23

**\*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’re comfortable  
Liturgies from UCC Worship Ways, adapted by Rev. Julia L. Brown*