

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

Sunday, May 12, 2024 10:15 am

Rev. Julia L. Brown, Pastor

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WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY (from *To Light Their Way* by Kayla Craig)

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 praise God for sending Jesus Christ to offer his saving love to us all.

All: We give God all our praises.

One: Let our hearts be filled with joyful celebration for the fulfillment of God's promises.

All: We open our hearts to receive the joy of Christ.

One: Let us move forward with Jesus Christ as our guiding light.

*All: The light of Jesus Christ is shining in each of us. Let us worship our Risen Christ!
Amen.*

***OPENING HYMN**

"Born of God, Eternal Savior"

Black # 542

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

All: Ever present God, we are grateful that you meet us right where we are. Speaking our language and giving us the blessed assurance that you are with us. We look forward to the glory that awaits us, trusting that Christ will guide us to our heavenly home. In his name, we pray. Amen.

MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER, CONFESSION, and ASSURANCE

ONE: Loving God, in Christ we see the fulfillment of your promise to be with us always. Forgive us when we lose faith in your compassion for all creation. Help us to see the great sacrifice of the Risen Christ as an example of your undying love for us all – and example of love we should strive to imitate. Strengthen us to do better and to become better together in our relationship with you and your beloveds. Hear our prayer, O God. Transform us and guide us as we seek your saving love and as we work with you toward a world where there is peace and justice for all. Help us to find flourishing life and abundant joy in the newness Christ's way offers. Thanks be to you, O Holy One! We rejoice in your grace and mercy! 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 1:15-17, 21-26

EPISTLE READING

1 John 5:9-13

HYMN

"O Christ Jesus, Sent from Heaven"

Black # 47

GOSPEL READING

John 17:6-19

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: Faithful God, we thank you for every gift. We delight in returning a portion of what we have been given back to your church. Your generous love and care for all knows no bounds. Like Christ who offered himself, let these offerings symbolize the fulfillment of your love by bringing healing, hope, peace, and justice to our community. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Be Not Dismayed"

Black # 460

***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*