

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

Sunday, May 26, 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** (inspired by Psalm 29)

One: Credit the Holy One with glory and power!

**All:** Give God the honor due with worshipful reverence!

One: The Voice of God speaks and we hear. The Voice of God thunders and creation moves.

**All:** The Voice of God is strong and mighty, secure and majestic.

One: The Living Water refreshes us. The Holy Spirit strengthens us.

**All:** Bless the name of our God! Let us worship together with joy. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Holy, Holy, Holy" **Black # 277**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**All:** Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh upon us. Renew us by your continued creative acts in the world. Your presence among us is a blessing and a gift. Open us to receive, ponder, and grow as you communicate with your people. In Voice, Body, and Spirit, we worship you and invite your transformative power to be alive among us and at work in us. Here we are, O Triune God, here we are. Amen.

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

**ONE:** God of mercy and grace, you come to us with loving compassion. You know our shortcomings and our willfulness. Make us new as we seek to become the people you have called us to be. Help us live according to the spirit and in union with you and community with our neighbors. Give us a desire to be instruments and witnesses of your lovingkindness in the world. Hold us accountable as your empowered people. Let repentance and hope for new life overcome any sense of shame that may paralyze us in our past mistakes and misdeeds as we turn toward you with wonder and expectation that you will lead us into life abundantly for all. Meet us with grace and gladness, we pray. Praise and thanksgiving 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** Isaiah 6:1-8  
**EPISTLE READING** Romans 8:12-17

**HYMN** "Here I Am, Lord" **insert**

**GOSPEL READING** John 3:1-17

**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:** Generous God, may we give gifts that are sufficient and abundant, just as you have provided creation with all that we need to flourish. May the fear of scarcity give way to the joy of sharing. Magnify the resources we bring and cultivate generosity within us so that all needs are met, and all your people may be well and whole in your name. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Children of God" **Black # 533**

**\*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*