

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

Sunday, June 16, 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** (adapted from Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15)

One: It is good to give thanks to the Holy One, to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

All: To declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night,

One: To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

All: For you, O God, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

One: The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar.

All: They are planted in the house of the Holy One; they flourish in the courts of our God. Let us worship God with joy! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Black # 1

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

All: Oh God, creator of heaven and earth, who grants us life, may the seeds of wisdom from the ancient sacred texts grow within us so that we may bear good fruit that nourishes a hungry world. May the Holy Spirit of Pentecost descend upon us this day as we give thanks to you Holy One. In Jesus's name we pray, amen.

MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER, CONFESSION, and ASSURANCE

ONE: Loving God, you created us in your image of love and yet there have been times when we have fallen short of that love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, and we have not loved each other nor creation well. We ask for your forgiveness, O God. We have been shown by Jesus Christ the way to reconciliation which is available to us whenever we turn to you for guidance, mercy, and strength. We seek now the peace and transformative power of your divine grace. We thank you for the comforting compassion of the Holy Spirit, and the encouragement to do better as we strive to bring love to the world. In Jesus' name we pray, 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

HYMN

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

Black # 433

GOSPEL READING

Mark 4:26-34

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: Giving God, we are grateful for the gifts that we receive from you. As we participate in this opportunity of generosity, we pray that it may continue the mission of your steadfast love to the world. We are grateful and thankful, O God. We offer and dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our work for your kingdom. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Black # 77

***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