

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

Sunday, June 23, 2024 10:15 am

Rev. Julia L. Brown, Pastor

Church Website: mysolomonsucc.org

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 by Rev. Roberto Ochoa from Psalm 133)

One: How very good and pleasant it is when the beloved community live together in unity!

All: It is like the precious oil on our heads which anoints our worship and praise.

One: It is like a soft mist, which falls on the mountains of the earth.

All: For there God has ordained the blessing, life forevermore.

One: Let us join our hearts and minds in community, and in worship of the living God!

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

***OPENING HYMN**

“Praise to the Living God”

Black # 8

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

All: We sing praises to you, O God, for you have been gracious to us amid the storms of life. Out of the whirlwind, you answer when we call. We have gathered to listen for the voice we sometimes cannot hear in the daily clamor of our lives. Help us to discard the excess baggage and unnecessary armor that keeps us from the fullness of life you intend for us. Amen.

MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER, CONFESSION, and ASSURANCE

ONE: Help us, O God, for we do not have the wisdom to help ourselves. When the good we have known crumbles beneath our feet and we are mired down in hopelessness, we need you. When we cannot hide from the evil that is all around us because some of it is within us, we cry out for your saving mercy. We confess that it is often easier to see the problems than the promise. We have been more ready to complain than to accept your help. O God, we open our hearts to you. We want to be healed. Accept us we pray. Mend our brokenness. Still the fierce winds of our hearts. We give thanks, O Holy One, for your affection and love. We rejoice that you provide all that we need! We are grateful as we receive once again the gifts of your abundant grace and mercy. Praise be to you, O God! Amen.

PRAISE HYMN

*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.*

Black # 283

CHILDREN'S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 17:32-49

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

HYMN

“Be Still, My Soul”

Black # 488

GOSPEL READING

Mark 4:35-41

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: Thank you, God, for meeting us in our need. We give that others in even greater need might not be forgotten. We are grateful for the trust you place in us. We give that others might respond to the good news of your love. With fresh calm and confidence, we give of ourselves so that others might live. Thank you, God, for your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“God Is Truly with Us”

Black # 68

***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 Led By Love by Lavon Baylor, adapted by Rev. Julia L. Brown*