

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

Sunday, June 30, 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 by Rev. Roberto Ochoa from Psalm 130)

One: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Holy One. God, hear our voices! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications!

All: *If you, O God, should mark iniquities, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.*

One: We wait for the Divine One; our soul waits, and in the Word, we hope; our soul waits for the Holy One more than those who watch for the morning.

All: *O creation, hope in the Creator! For with the Holy One there is steadfast love, and with God there is great power to redeem.*

One: It is the Creator who will redeem creation from all its imperfections.

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

***OPENING HYMN**

“Let Me Enter God’s Own Dwelling”

Black # 67

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

All: *We gather to thank you, gracious God, for those times when we have been lifted up by you and known your healing touch. You have clothed us with joy and filled us with hope. We are grateful that even in our days of deepest gloom and despair, you have surrounded us with a love stronger than all our pain and doubts and grievous losses. Come to us now that we may sense larger realities than the narrow focus of our daily concerns. We await your word. Amen.*

MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER, CONFESSION, and ASSURANCE

ONE: God of peace, we confess that we are more interested in securing your support for our desires than in conforming ourselves to your will. We extol our accumulation of gadgets over a balanced sharing of resources. We often prefer force and might over diligent work for justice and equal opportunity. You have given us much, and we have misspent the abundance, created idols, and pursued illusions of pleasure. O God, forgive us and re-center us in ways that really matter. If you marked iniquities, who could stand? Thank you, forgiving God, for your mercy. Praise be to you!

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

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

HYMN

“O My Soul, Bless Your Creator”

Black # 13

GOSPEL READING

Mark 5:21-43

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: *We pray, O God, that you will find our gifts acceptable. If we have not given according to what we have, help us gain the courage to do so. May these gifts relieve suffering and reveal hope. May they give meaning to all who give and all who receive. We dedicate them, that those who have much may not have too much, and those who have little may not have too little. Amen.*

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Christ Will Come Again”

Black # 608

***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