

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

Sunday, June 9, 2024 10:15 am

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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**

One: From many lands, we gather as a people. With diverse homelands, backgrounds, and experiences shaping who we are today:

All: Out of many, we are one.

One: Of different ages and abilities, we gather as a people. Wearing different clothing, filling different roles, speaking many languages, singing different songs:

All: Out of many, we are one.

One: With diverse hopes and dreams, we gather as a people. Of different personality types and interests, with multiple ministries and callings:

All: Out of many, we are one.

One: Each carrying within us many voices, we gather as a people, holding happiness alongside hurt, often in the same moment. Inside every one of us, a crowd of ideas, feelings, and questions:

All: Out of many, we are one.

One: In Christ, we come together and find a deeper unity. People of God, come and worship, that out of many, all may be one!

All: Come to worship our God! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Great is Your Faithfulness”

Black # 423

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

NCH # 829

All: O God of the morning and of the evening hours, let your Spirit be upon and among us here gathered. This is a holy place where we, your people, call on you in faith, joining heart and voice in thanksgiving and praise to your name. Amen.

MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER, CONFESSION, and ASSURANCE

ONE: God, we confess that sometimes we close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people’s worries, and against the winds of change. God, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns. Forgive us our insulation in our own homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives. As we receive and rejoice in your forgiveness, send us out into your world that we may love as we have been loved. 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

POEM READING

Rebirth, by Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson

HYMN

“Be Now My Vision”

Black # 451

GOSPEL READING

John 17:21-23

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**

NCH # 845

All: O God, of whose bounty we have all received: accept, we pray, this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who give and those who receive; and so, follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all people and advance your kingdom. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“In Christ there is no East or West”

Black # 394

***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 the Penn Central Conference of the UCC, adapted by Rev. Julia L. Brown