

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

Sunday, July 21, 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 89)

One: The Holy One is with us. God’s hand remains with us.

All: God’s love is steadfast. God’s strength is enough. We can rest in God’s presence.

One: God keeps God’s covenant from generation to generation and establishes our future.

All: God’s love is steadfast. God’s strength is enough. We can rest in God’s presence.

One: Let us worship God together and praise the Holy Name!

All: God’s love is steadfast. God’s strength is enough. We can rest in God’s presence.

Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Praise to the Living God”

Black # 8

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

All: Wonderful Creator, you come to us with power and gentleness, strength and compassion, peace and joy. We come to you with hope and hopelessness, love and heartbreak, thanksgiving and lament. You fortify us as we go on our journey, assured of your presence and renewed by your love. Give us rest in our coming and our going. Give us joy in ministering in your name. May our worship restore our soul as we dwell in your presence. Amen.

MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER, CONFESSION, and ASSURANCE

ONE: Holy God, we confess that our lives keep us consumed more with doing than with being. We trust more in the tools of our times—our schemes, our positions—than in you. We acknowledge that you call us to rest in your truth, your love, and your peace without abdicating our responsibility to embody your good news in the world. We admit that we struggle to balance the rhythms of rest and renewal in our lives, and we seek your guidance and direction toward a life where you are our peace, our hope, and our standard. Guide us on this path, we pray. Be with us as we journey. Help us to find grace and strength in community with you and one another, as we heed the call to discipleship. Be near to us, O God. Redeem us, we pray. Help us to rest in your mercy and rejoice in your transformative forgiveness. We praise 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

HYMN

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Black # 252

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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, we give these gifts to you through this faith community. May you lead and guide us with discernment so that our ministry would give you glory, honor your name, and benefit your creation. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Community of Christ”

Black # 314

***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 UCC’s Worship Ways, adapted by Rev. Julia L. Brown