

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

Sunday, July 28, 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 145:10-18)

One: God is near to us. Let us testify, making God's kingdom known among creation.

*All: All your works shall give thanks to you, O God, and all your faithful shall bless you.*

One: We speak of the glory of God's miraculous acts, abiding presence, and abundant love.

*All: All your works shall give thanks to you, O God, and all your faithful shall bless you.*

One: With justice, grace, hope, mercy, abundance, and discernment, God sustains those in need, upholds those who have been broken, and satisfies those who seek a better way.

*All: All your works shall give thanks to you, O God, and all your faithful shall bless you.*

*Let us worship God together! Amen.*

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“Born of God, Eternal Savior”

Black # 542

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*All: Great and Mighty God, we seek your presence among us. We strain to hear your voice as it so often gets drowned out by the noise of the world. We pause to consider your works, your word, and your way. Speak to us now in spirit and in truth. Open your hand and our hearts that we may join in this moment of holy encounter. Forge us as a community committed to follow the path Jesus has marked for us. Amen.*

**MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER, CONFESSION, and ASSURANCE**

**ONE:** Creator God, we confess that we fail to recognize the bounty around us. We are not satisfied; we never have enough. We consider what we have received and what we have generated, and label it too little rather than sufficient. Forgive us, we pray, and change our perspectives. We need to cultivate our imagination and our faith to observe abundance and opportunity rather than scarcity and deficiency. Help us to see that, in your kingdom, the fragments you gather are more than enough for flourishing. Meet us, O God, with your grace, strength, love, and hope. Help us to let that be sufficient. Through your sustaining power, may we gather the fragments that make our lives beautiful and your kingdom real in the world. We thank you, O God, for your abiding love and abundant mercy. Praise be to you, Gracious God! 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 Kings 4:42-44

**EPISTLE READING**

Ephesians 3:14-21

**HYMN**

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Black # 7

**GOSPEL READING**

John 6:1-21

**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: Sustaining God, receive our offerings and magnify them beyond our imagination for the benefit of your kingdom, this ministry, and your creation. Cultivate a heart of generosity within us. Enable us to witness the abundance that can be found in the fragments that remain as testimony to your power at work in us. Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Black # 419

**\*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*