

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

Sunday, July 7, 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 48)

One: Great is the Holy One who sits sovereign and near!

*All: The earth rejoices on the holy mountain, at the heights and depths of God's love.*

One: We gather, we observe, we recognize, we ponder the wonders of Creator's majesty!

*All: God's name, like our praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.*

One: The mighty deeds of power astound and amaze. We remember and recount from generation to generation!

*All: Our Guide reigns forever and ever. Praise our God! Amen.*

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Black # 28

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*All: Powerful One, we come into this gathering humbled by your presence among us, grateful for the companionship of your people, and eager to worship your name. As we tell your story anew, we enter your story as the objects of your attention, love, and care. May we know you more deeply and clearly. May we be transformed and transfixed by the mystery of you. May we be inspired by your deeds of power to be instruments of your reign in the world. Empower us, O Holy One. Amen.*

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

**ONE:** Gracious and Loving God, have mercy on us. We confess our own forms of rebellion and stubbornness. We seek our own way and fail to wait for your counsel, wisdom, and insight. We hold fast to hopes and dreams that often do not include your kingdom or our neighbors. We often choose comfort over holy confrontation, doctrine over faithful discipleship, and position over spiritual power. Awaken in us hunger and thirst for righteousness. Be with us and fuel our journeys. O God, grant us power to be the church, to be faithful, and to be active agents in your kingdom. By your mercy, help us to make things new in our hearts, in our neighborhoods, and in our communities. We receive your grace that allows us to try even when our way is uncertain, to hope even when circumstances seem dim, and to love even when love does not come easily. Thank you, O God. Praise be to you! 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 5:1-5, 9-10

**EPISTLE READING**

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

**HYMN**

“O Savior, Let Me Walk with You”

Black # 503

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 6:1-13

**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: Holy Creator, all we have emanates from you and your creation. Receive the gifts that we give with thanksgiving and hope for a shared future without lack, disparities, and unmet needs. Use them for the spreading of your love in our world. Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“Lead On Eternal Sovereign”

Black # 573

**\*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*