

A Warm Welcome to
Solomon's United Church of Christ

Sunday, May 31, 2026 9:30 am

Rev. Julia L. Brown, Pastor

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE & SILENT MEDITATION

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** (inspired by Psalm 8)

One: O Holy One, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Many: We admire the work of your hands in awe and thanksgiving!

One: O Holy One, our Redeemer, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Many: Who are we that you come to us, empower us, and give us rest?

One: O Holy One, our Companion, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Many: Let us worship the Triune God with honor and glory! How majestic are your many names in all the earth!

***OPENING HYMN**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Black # 277

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)**

Voice, Body, Spirit, we acknowledge your presence gathering us together as your church. Today, we join in worship. May we encounter you anew. We find a good place in you and with one another. You have made us in your image and enabled us to be in community with you, O God, as people called to service, justice, and caretaking. Let your name be praised. Let us receive your word. Let us embrace and live your truth. Amen.

MOMENT of QUIET PRAYER and PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION (unison)

Creator, we give thanks that creation does not end; it rests. In your created order, rest is often the time and space necessary for renewal. Transformation happens in rest. Too often, we adopt the pace of the world that adopts hurry as normative and beneficial. Yet, we know, Holy One, that when you began the work of creation, it served to bring order out of chaos, and it was good. As we seek your goodness today, we confess that we live in chaotic times. We affirm that you have charged us to care for this creation and have made us like you. Use us then to bring order in a chaotic world and to use rest as a necessary step for transformation and renewal. Help us discern the balance of rest and work that will yield good fruit. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

Beloved, the God of Many Names has declared you good. You need not seek perfection. God has called you as a co-worker in the continual progressive acts of shaping the beloved community envisioned. In the name of the Creator, and of the Redeemer, and of the Sustainer, you are forgiven. 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 LESSON

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

HYMN

“Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face”

Black # 336

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

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.

COMMUNION

(insert)

OFFERING INVITATION

Generous God, just as you provided for all our needs in your creative acts, you have made us caretakers of your good creation. Let us accept the call to faithful discipleship, the opportunity to trust in your provision, and the generous nature you have embedded in us. Amen.

*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

Generous God, Receive our gifts as acts of participation in your continuing creation. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“O Holy God, Whose Gracious Power”

Black # 535

BENEDICTION

One: Find rest in the love of God

Choose rest by the grace of God

Embrace rest by the power of God

Trust rest because of the provision of God

And know that the God of rest goes with you

To love and serve God's creation.

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,

Many: May our service never end. Amen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you're comfortable*

Liturgies adapted from the UCC's Worship Ways, originally written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay