

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

Sunday, May 19, 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**

One: God has done great things for us!

*All: We declare God's mighty works with all we have!*

One: In a world where there is deceit and unkindness,

*All: we declare God's mighty works with all we have!*

One: We praise the One who has kept us safe and provided for us.

*All: We worship the One who has blessed us with holy wisdom!*

One: Let us worship God together!

*All: Come, Holy Spirit! Amen!*

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Come, O Spirit, with Your Sound" **Black # 265**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*All: Jesus, we thank you for your example, which guides us as we share the good news of God's love with a hurting world. Thank you for protecting us, teaching us, and equipping us to partner with you to work for love and justice. Help us share the joy we've found in our relationship with you. Empower us with the Holy Spirit, that we might testify to God's goodness. Amen.*

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

**ONE:** Merciful God, with sighs too deep for words we pray. Hold us accountable, O God. Reveal to us that which has disappointed you. For all the ways we have fallen short of your call and commands, we repent. For all the ways we have not loved you, our neighbors, or ourselves, we repent. For all the ways we have sinned and been unrighteous, we repent. Judge us mercifully, O God. As we open ourselves to receive your grace, may we be transformed so that we may become the people you desire us to be, the kind of people who share and show your lovingkindness in the world. We give thanks for your abundant mercy and transformative forgiveness! Praise be to you loving 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**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Acts 2:1-21  
**EPISTLE READING** Romans 8:22-27

**HYMN** "O Spirit of the Living God" **Black # 263**

**GOSPEL READING** John 15:26-27 and 16:4b-15

**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.*

**NEW MEMBER WELCOME** (see insert)  
**COMMUNION** (see insert)

**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: Loving God, we remember that one of Christ's most important commandments is that we love one another. With these gifts, help us to show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" vv 1&4 **Black # 286**

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