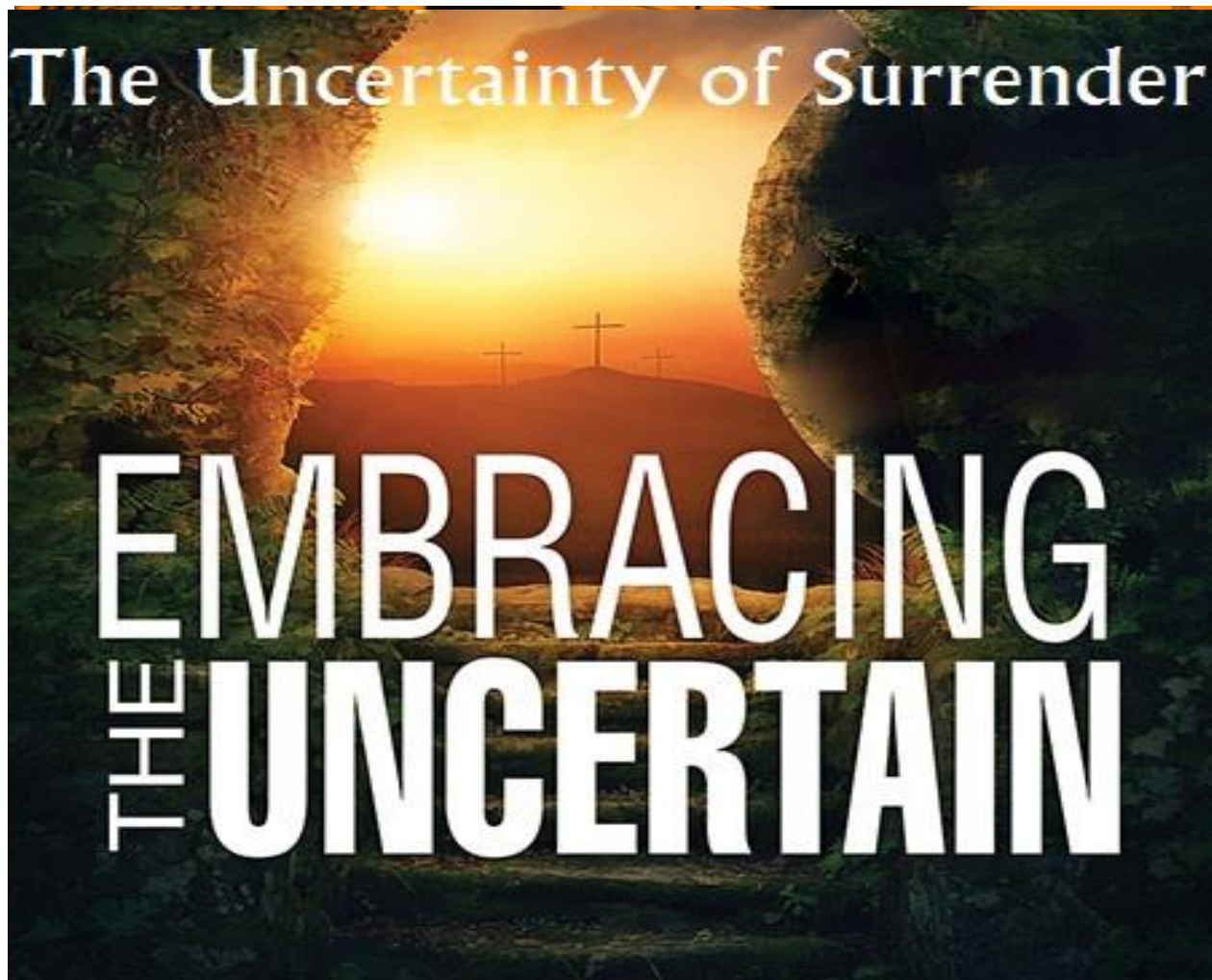


Solomons United Methodist Church
Loving, Serving, and Growing in the Name of Jesus Christ

Sunday, February 25, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Order of Worship
Welcome



Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

Blessed Assurance

UMH #369/see screen

*Gospel Reading: Mark 8:31-38

Pew Bible page 820/see screen

Sermon

Rev. Dottie Yunger

Hymn of Preparation

I Surrender All

UMH #354/see screen

Sharing our Joys, Blessings, and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Today, Lord,
I once again take up my cross and follow you.

Forgive me for the times I have tried to make
carrying my cross more comfortable.
I have been too concerned with finding things to make it easier;
gadgets and toys to make my cross lighter, smaller, and cushioned.
Forgive me for making excuses
and not going with you because I was worried about
my health, safety, reputation, loneliness, and financial security.
Forgive me for focusing on my comfort rather than my character.

Forgive me for the times I have not followed you
because it wasn't convenient.
I didn't want to go out of my way to see the needs around me
because then I would feel guilty for not doing something about them.

Forgive me for not loving my neighbors—
I don't even know their names.
Forgive me for trying to pacify my conscience
by giving just enough to feel good about myself
but not enough to inconvenience my lifestyle.

Today, Lord,
I once again take up my cross and follow you.
Shake me of my complacency;
I want to live daily with an urgency
to radically be the change you call me to be.
Strip me of my comforts;
may my love for you be a driving force to live with joyful surrender.
Scratch out my schedule;
I don't want my circumstances or timeline
to influence my dedication and obedience
to take up my cross and follow you.
Here I am; Send Me.
In Jesus Name, Amen.

Communion

*(Communion is open to **EVERYONE** in attendance. Take a piece of bread and dip it into the juice provided for you.)*

Communion Song *Go to Dark Gethsemane* *UMH #290/on screen*

Communion Prayer

Children's Time with Rev. Dottie Yunger

Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn *Where He Leads Me* *UMH #338/on screen*

*Benediction

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World and Postlude

~ excerpted from a prayer by Hila, and posted on the Love God, Love Neighbour website. <http://www.lovegodloveneighbor.com/take-up-my-cross-and-follow-you-a-prayer-by-hila/>

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