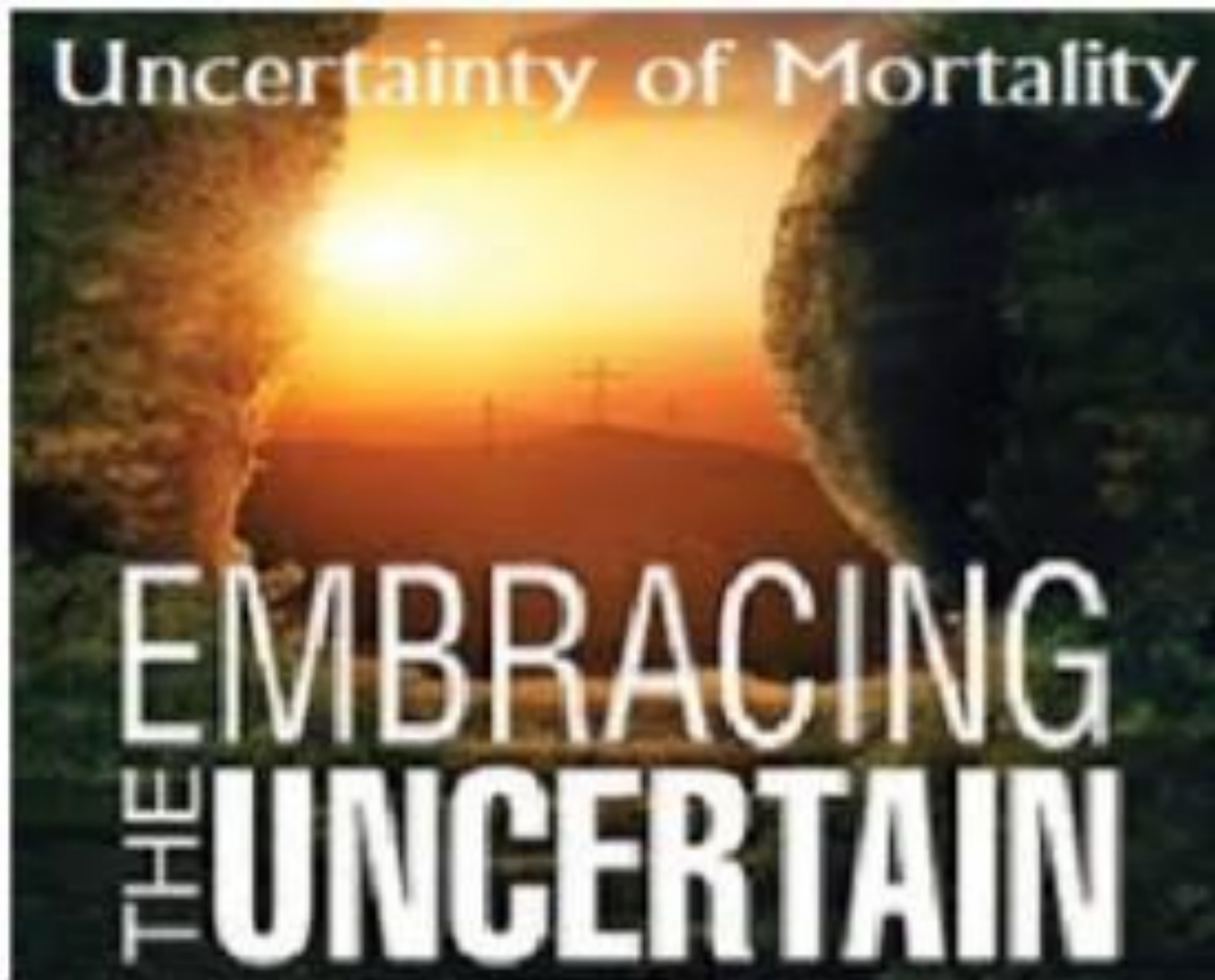


Solomons United Methodist Church
Loving, Serving, and Growing in the Name of Jesus Christ

Sunday, March 11, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Order of Worship
Welcome



Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Gather round
I have a story to tell
Of one who reached inside himself
And took a handful of love
Like a pile of stardust
And said: this is for you
It is all you need
There is enough here
To change the whole world
Take it

Many laughed at him
Mocked him
And ignored the invitation

But some dared to take it
And those who did
Noticed something about this love
They found they could do what the gift-giver could do
They could stand with the lost
Welcome the traveler
Eat with the hungry
They found themselves doing what the man did to them
Give something of themselves to others
They became like the man
Offering themselves

And as they offered themselves
Others took the invitation
And many still do
And many still trust
It is enough to change the whole wide world

Song of Preparation

***Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21**

Pew Bible page 864/see screen

Sermon

Rev. Dottie Yunger

Sharing our Joys, Blessings, and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

All: O God of Comfort and God of Challenge, we come to you this morning the way the Israelites did, full of complaints and dissatisfaction. Nothing is enough; we do not recognize your blessing at work in our day to day lives. Forgive us when we become so comfortable that we moan and groan about the most insignificant details of our lives.

In our complaints, challenge us as you did the Israelites, to consider the bigger picture of oppression, injustice, and inequality around us. Forgive us when we close our eyes for fear of what you might show us; keep sending loving and compassionate leaders to open our eyes until we see what you see in our world.

Leader: You are blessed because God's image resides deep within each of you. So return God's blessing by the way you love others. Amen.

Communion Song What Wondrous Love is This *UMH #292/on screen*

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

Communion Prayer

Children's Time with Rev. Dottie Yunger

*Closing Song I Can Only Imagine *on screen*

*Benediction

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World and Postlude

Acknowledgement:

Opening Prayer written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on Listening to the Stones.
<http://newkilpatrickblog.typepad.com/nl-blogging/mucky-paws/>

Prayer of Confession written by Rev. Ginny Brown Daniel, in So Loved: Service Prayers for the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Posted on the Worship page of the United Church of Christ website, http://www.ucc.org/worship_worship-ways

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