



Community United Methodist Church

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WORDS OF WELCOME/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Jeff

OPENING HYMN: *Humble Thyself*

CALL TO WORSHIP/OPENING PRAYER: Becky Williams

Leader: Let the righteous be joyful;
All: let them celebrate before God.

Leader: Let them be jubilant with joy.
All: Sing to God,

Leader: Sing praises to God's name.
All: Lift up a song before the One who rides upon the clouds -

Leader: For it is the Lord.
All: Be exultant before the Lord your God. Amen.
(Psalm 68:3-4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (RESPONSIVELY) Leader

Leader: O Mighty Creator, in times such as these, we find ourselves in the midst of distress and despair. We feel the anxiety of not knowing when the pandemic will lift. We worry about what more we can do to keep ourselves and our families safe. We worry about losing control of our course. We fret and we are troubled.

All: Let us therefore be humbled under your mighty hand and guide us forward. Forgive our lack of trust, O holy One. To you be the power and glory forever. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Pastor Jeff

Pastor: After we have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, will restore, support, strengthen and establish us. We are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Pastor: To each individual who hears our call this morning, know that we pass the peace and love of Christ to you now from the bottom of our hearts. You are each beloved in our community of faith.

All: May the peace and love of Christ be with each and every one of you.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Pastor Jeff

**SILENT PRAYER, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE,
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:6-11; I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11
Leader
Pastor Jeff

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *No Higher Calling*

MESSAGE: "Gazing into Heaven" Pastor Jeff Holder

INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY:

A SENDING FORTH:

HYMN OF CLOSING/SENDING FORTH:

I'll Fly Away

BENEDICTION: Pastor Jeff

As we go about our lives during this week, know that you are never alone. Humble yourselves and let the one who has called you, blessed you, and redeemed you, lead your every step. Discipline yourselves, keep alert, and resist evil. Be steadfast in your faith and go in peace.



*Community United Methodist Church
Oakdale/Riverbank, CA
Online Worship*

www.CUMCoakdale.org or www.riverbankFUMC.org

Small Group Online Study for both Riverbank and Oakdale:

Zoom Small Group 6:00 PM, May 27th. Anyone may attend online. Please call so you can receive the meeting link: 209-840-7939.

If you would like to speak with us, if you desire prayer, if you would like to become a member of this church, if you would like to be baptized, or for any other purpose, please find our website and my contact information below: vjholder@att.net
209-840-7939 <https://cumcoakdale.org> or <https://fumcriverbank.org>

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*Sunday, May 24, 2020 - 7th Sunday of Easter
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