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WORDS OF WELCOME: Pastor Jeff Holder

OPENING HYMN: *You Are My All in All*

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(read responsively)* Becky Williams

Leader: How good it is when we gather in unity and love.
All: Merciful God, thank you for gathering us in your grace and love this day.

Leader: Bless us with compassion and understanding,
All: **that we may be people of forgiveness and acceptance.**

Leader: Now we open our hearts and lives to receive God's blessings.
All: **Lord God, be with us today as we listen for your words of hope. Be with us today as we rejoice in the power of Your love.**

Leader: Sing with us today as we proclaim the good news of your grace.
All: **Dance with us today as we celebrate the unity we share in Christ.**
All: **Hallelujah! Amen!**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(responsively)* Leader

Leader: Forgiving Creator, you know when we withhold forgiveness. Holy Spirit, One, you know when we are not merciful. Gracious Christ, you know when we are stingy with your grace.
All: **Forgive us and reclaim us. Strengthen us with your Spirit of love that we may offer forgiveness and compassion in the pursuit of your unity and love. In your mercy and grace, we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Pastor Jeff Holder
Do not be distressed and angry with yourselves, for the God who reconciled Joseph and his brothers, can surely reconcile us. God's mercy flows like a river, washing away our sins. God's mercy extends to everyone. Rejoice and live in unity.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: Pastor
How beautiful it is when the family of God lives together in unity and peace! Let us be in harmony as we gather virtually this morning saying:
All: **May the peace and love of Christ be with each and everyone of you.**

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS & PRAYER REQUESTS: Pastor
SILENT/ COMMUNITY & PASTORAL PRAYERS:
THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: **Psalm 133** Leader
Matthew 15:10-20 Pastor
Ann: This is the word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Pass It On*

MESSAGE: *Thy Will Be Done* Jim Austin

OFFERTORY:

CLOSING: Pastor

HYMN: *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

SENDING FORTH: Pastor

The world seeks good news at a time when news seems gloomy. Be the good news. There are those in the world who need our help and our care. Be for the world, mercy. Everywhere in the world, people seek to escape turmoil. Be for the world, comfort and Peace. Prepare. Go in peace.



Serving you today:



*Liturgist:
Preacher*

*Becky Williams
Jim Austin*

Small Group Online Study for both Riverbank and Oakdale:

Small Group Meetings are currently on hiatus. Watch here for a start-up date.

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
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