



Community United Methodist Church, Oakdale
First United Methodist Church, Riverbank

WORDS OF WELCOME: Pastor Jeff Holder

OPENING HYMN: *Give Thanks*

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

Leader: You have called us to this virtual place today, O Lord.

All: You have blessed each and every one of us with unique and differing gifts and talents.

Leader: We know that each talent and skill is valuable in your realm. Guide us to use these talents for peace and harmony.

All: Help us to use these talents for healing and hope.

Leader: May these gifts help us to make disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world.

All: Our talents serve to bring others into closer relationship with you. Let our hearts be open and our voices raised in song to God, who continually blesses our lives.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Leader

Leader: Merciful Creator, though we mean well, we can often become overly focused on what we need or want. We can say or do things that are hurtful and unproductive, so that our will be done. We can focus so on our own needs that we fail to see the needs of others.

All: Merciful One, wash away the injuries that we may have inflicted upon one another. When we have ignored the plight of others, reclaim us in your grace. When we have failed to use your gifts and graces as you have intended we do, restore us to your path of love and compassion, that we begin anew in the work which you have called us to. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Pastor
 If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, the weight of the world would have drowned us by now. Thanks be to God who is on our side, and who rescues us from forces that seek our undoing. In Christ Jesus, we are set free and made whole again.
All: Thanks be to God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: Pastor
 When we recognize the true Christ, we find the unique and genuine peace and security to see ourselves for who we really are. Let us send this peace and love of Christ to one another as we say together:
All: May the genuine 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: Romans 12:1-8 Leader
 Matthew 16:13-20 Pastor

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Step by Step*

MESSAGE: "How to be a Living Sacrifice, & Still Wake Up Tomorrow" Pastor Jeff

OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY: UMH 95

CLOSING: *Put Your Hand in the Hand*

SENDING FORTH: Pastor

We, the children of God, must not keep the full cup for ourselves. Share the living water with others. We, the followers of Jesus, must not be silent about the true peace of living in Christ. Speak the words of the depth of the Savior's love. We who are baptized in the Holy Spirit must not rest. Go into the world to use the gifts and graces as the Spirit leads you. Go in peace.



*United Methodist Churches of
Oakdale and Riverbank
Online Worship*

Small Group Online Study for both Riverbank and Oakdale:

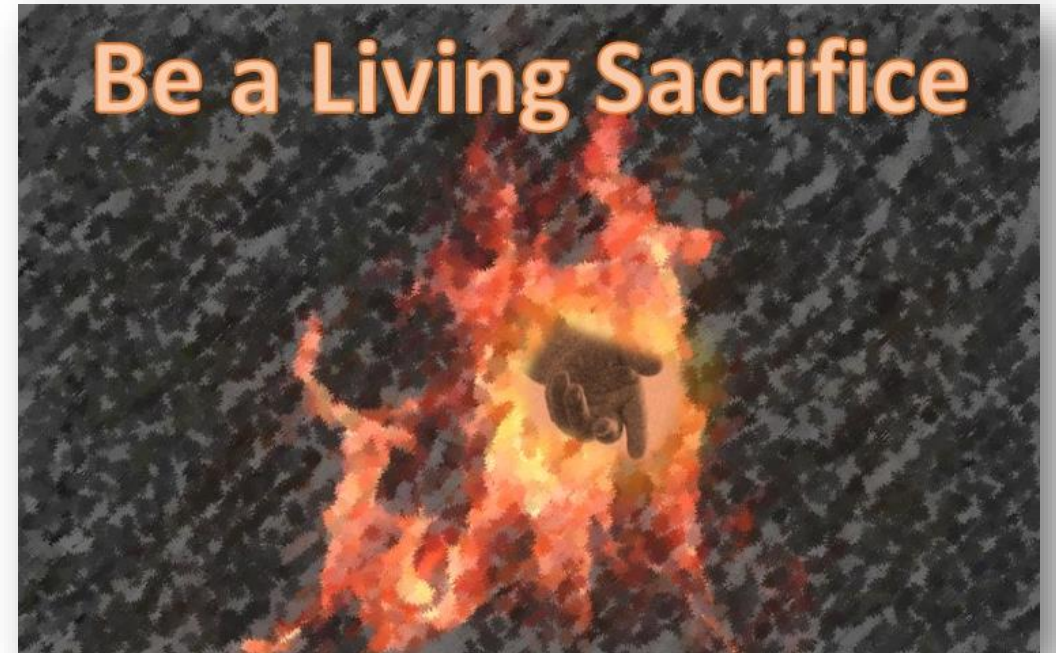
Small Group Meetings are currently on hiatus. Watch here for a start-up date.

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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Additional Liturgy – Jeff Holder



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