



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

WORDS OF WELCOME: Pastor Jeff Holder

OPENING HYMN: *Hear Our Praises*

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

Leader: There are so many directions in which we are being pulled.

All: We struggle and hope that we have chosen the right way.

Leader: Some of these paths are falsely enticing and others are dangerous.

All: How can we know what to do?

Leader: Look to Jesus. He will be your guide, and the Holy Spirit will guard your life.

All: I am going to follow Jesus. He is the example for healing, compassion and hope. All people who have gone before us have witnessed to his ministry of love.

Leader: As we offer praise and worship, we will continue to remember that we are challenged to be people of loving service.

All: Lord, open our hearts and spirits to accept the call to serve you by helping others. Let us now worship. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Leader

Leader: Merciful Creator, we hear your call to live in harmony. We know we are not to repay anyone evil for evil. We understand that we are to love with mutual affection. There are so many words of guidance to remember. We hope not to lose sight of all of them.

All: Just the same, we do forget. O, Divine One, may you help us to see the conflicts we create and the hatred we harbor. Let us not be blind to our shortcomings, by blaming others. You give us hearts that overflow with love, compassion, and service, that we may offer forgiveness as freely as you have offered it to us; let us open our hearts and use the skills you have asked us to employ. In you, we can be the solution and not the problem. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Pastor

Remember that we were created by God's own loving hands; provided a path to peace through Christ, and led by the Holy Spirit, who will guide us into all truth. Through the work of the Divine Trinity, we are forgiven. **All: Thanks be to God.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: Pastor

We reach out today to greet each other virtually. The peace and love of Christ is both transformational and transcendent. Let us together proclaim aloud this peace and love that we will send all those who worship together, today.

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

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS & PRAYER REQUESTS: Pastor

SILENT/ COMMUNITY & PASTORAL PRAYERS:
THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 105:1-6, 45; Romans 12:9-21 Leader

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *In Christ Alone*

MESSAGE: "The hardest thing to remember is about me." Pastor Jeff

OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY: UMH 95

CLOSING: *Keep on the Sunny Side*

SENDING FORTH: Pastor

As we journey into the world this week, remember – "May our love be genuine; may we hate what is evil, and hold to what is good. Love one another in mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Live in harmony with one another. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." Amen.



Serving you today:



Liturgist:

Pastor:

Praise Team Director:

Jim Austin:

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Judy Nikkel:

Judy Bradley:

Becky Williams

Jeff Holder

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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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