



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

WORDS OF WELCOME: Pastor Jeff Holder

OPENING HYMN: *Blessed Be The Name of The Lord*

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

Becky: God's love reaches through time and space to join us here today. When God laid the foundations of the earth, the morning stars and the heavenly host sang songs of joy

All: Let us bless God with hearts full of song, for our God has done amazing things.

Becky: The winds whisper messages of God's goodness. Fire and flame proclaim God's presence.

All: Let us bless God with our spirits set ablaze, for our God has done amazing things.

Becky: With wisdom, God brought the world in to being. The earth is full of God's magnificent creations.

All: Let us bless God with our minds illumined, for our God has done amazing things. AMEN!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

All: We think we know so much, God. We think we know how the world works. We think we know how you work. When we speak without knowledge; when we question what we cannot understand; when we force you in to a box we can comprehend, forgive us, Holy One. When we forget your call to serve one another; when we place our needs above the needs of others; when we expect you to do whatever we ask, forgive us, we pray. Free us from the tyranny of our assumptions and the prison of our expectations, that we may follow as your people, remembering that you alone are God. AMEN!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Pastor Jeff Holder

In Christ Jesus, there is no condemnation. The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the Law of sin and death. Believe in the good news and dwell on the promises of Christ. We are redeemed by God. And in this new law of loving grace, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Pastor Jeff Holder

Even in our virtual gathering, our respect for each other abounds through the peace and love of Christ. May all here, and all who worship together here today virtually, repeat together this shared peace and love we hold in common as we say:

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

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

SCRIPTURE:

1 Peter 1:6-9

Pastor Jeff Holder

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE:

Open Our Eyes

MESSAGE:

"Dealing With Adversity"

Jim Austin

OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY:

UMH #95

CLOSING:

10,000 Reasons

SENDING FORTH:

Pastor Jeff Holder

Just as Paul was, we are called to be apostles of Jesus Christ and to spread the good news. Remember Paul's example for us and do not be ashamed of your beliefs, for we know whom we have believed. We will face times of adversity, but by relying on the love of Christ and our heavenly Father, we can face adversity with the strength of our knowledge of God's everlasting love for us and the confidence of knowing we are saved through the love of Jesus Christ. Go in peace.



Serving you today:



Liturgist:
Pastor:
Praise Team Director
Jim Austin:
Glen Gorman:
Ann Butler:
Judy Nikkel:
Judy Bradley:

Becky Williams
Jeff Holder
Doug Kolsters
PowerPoints/Praise Team
Praise Team/Camera
Praise Team
Bulletin Editing/Materials Printing
Distribution

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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