

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

WORDS OF WELCOME: Pastor Jeff Holder

OPENING HYMN: *Standing on the Promises*

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

Leader: We celebrate this morning as do those throughout the world.

All: We will hear the word, as do Christians everywhere, each in their own tongue.

Leader: We will remember the sacrifice of our Savior, and celebrate the resurrection.

All: Together, around the world we share a common and symbolic table, around which every follower gathers.

Leader: In our own customs and our own cultures, the bread is broken, the wine is shared.

All: Almighty God, we thank you for your wondrous blessings.

Leader: Let us sing songs of Praise.

All: Amen.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Leader

Leader: God of Mercy, the world is a gift beyond comparison. Your wonder and your handiworks are reflected everywhere. Yet, we have allowed it to become place full of sin, unbridled hatred and violence.

All: Forgive us as a people, for enabling the spread of such hatred through our silence. Forgive our sins committed both knowingly and unknowingly. May we not be ruled by sin, and may it have no power over us. Raise us from wrongdoing, that we may share in the righteousness of Jesus Christ.
AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Pastor

In the name of our Redeemer, claim the righteousness of Jesus Christ as your own! Forget about the things that lay behind us, and reach to the things that lay ahead; for in Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

All: Thanks be to God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: Pastor

Sisters and brothers, in the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome one another virtually this morning. Let us greet one another in unison 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

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

SCRIPTURE: **Philippians 3:4b-14** Leader
Matthew 21:33-46 Pastor

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Bread of Life*

MESSAGE: *Gaining Christ* Pastor Jeff Holder

OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY: UMH #95

COMMUNION:

CLOSING: *I Saw the Light*

SENDING FORTH: Pastor Jeff Holder

Go into the world this week, seeking to be kind to others, genuine in all of your work and ready to help those who are in need. As we follow Christ, let us remember to follow where he has asked us to serve and dwell, as we press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Go in peace.



Serving you today:



Liturgist:
Pastor:
Doug Kolsters
Jim Austin:
Ann Butler:
Glen Gorman
Judy Nikkel:
Judy Bradley:

Becky Williams
Jeff Holder
Praise Team Director
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Praise Team
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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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