

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

WORDS OF WELCOME: Pastor Jeff Holder

OPENING HYMN: *Fear Not*

CALL TO WORSHIP/OPENING PRAYER: (*read responsively*) Becky Williams

Leader: Be with us Holy One, and reveal to us your glorious presence. For we hear your call to be more than we have become, and we long to be inspired anew in your service.

All: Holy Presence, reveal to us your ways and bless us with your glory.

Leader: Hide us in the cleft of the rock, that we may behold your radiant presence.

All: Call us to bring your justice and mercy to a world torn by strife and beset by natural disasters. We are invited to share God's love through our compassionate acts.

Leader: Inspire us to embody your word and to live as a holy people.

All: Embolden and strengthen us as we seek to share your message of love through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Becky Williams

Leader: Patient Creator, in this year of years, and this time of times, when conflict becomes the rule, rather the exception, help us Loving One, to find our bearings and move forward.

All: You remind us that, from the beginning, your love has been available to us. Forgive us when we so easily turn away from your guidance and set our priorities on things far from you. Heal our wounded souls. Challenge us to be your people, strengthened and empowered to be those who bring hope through our words and actions. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Pastor
In our words, smiles, and compassionate living we bear the image of our God. In our willingness to serve the voiceless and alienated, the lost and alone, God's presence abides with us. Rejoice! You are called "Beloved of God" and given God's own stamp in your lives. We are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: Pastor

When we live with God at the center of our lives, a wonderful peace washes over us. Let us share this moment virtually as we say together:

All: May the peace 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: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Leader
Mark 6:1-13 Pastor

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Abba Father*

MESSAGE: *Rejection!* Pastor Jeff Holder

OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY: UMH #95

CLOSING: *I'll Fly Away*

SENDING FORTH: Pastor

Go forth to be a true reflection of God' love, whether the times be difficult or whether the peace of God abounds. Let us remember and show others that peace and love are a journey, and the route of this journey can only take us through the heart God's grace and amazing love. All other ways fail us. 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
PowerPoints/Praise Team
Praise Team
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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*The United Methodist Churches of
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Online Worship*



*October 18th, 2020
20th Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Jeff Holder*