

*Community United Methodist Church
Oakdale, CA*

WORDS OF WELCOME: Pastor Jeff Holder

OPENING HYMN: *Give Me Jesus*

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

Leader: We've always a choice to make;
the God of our ancestors has called us here.

All: We are witnesses.

Leader: The wisdom of the ages has called us here.

All: We are witnesses.

Leader: The choice to follow God has called us here.

All: We are witnesses.

Leader: The Lord of life has called us here.

All: We all rejoice, for we are witnesses.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader

Leader: These times have often been disquieting, and hard to negotiate. There are times when we do not know where to look for our comfort, or where to turn for peace. Is it here, or is it there? Which way should we go?

All: **When our courage wears thin, O God, strengthen our resolve to choose you each day. When we grow weary in our waiting, steel us for the long watches of the night – for we long to be found ready when you appear in your glory. Fill our lamps with your grace, that we might share your light with our friends, and generations that have followed. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Pastor: We worship a God of mercy and love. Hold onto these words of hope: "We will be with the Lord forever." May this wonderful knowledge always sustain us. We are forgiven!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: Pastor

True peace is found when we choose life and follow God. True wisdom is found when we choose to wait for Christ, even when the hour is late. True joy is found in the fellowship of our church community as we dwell in the peace and love of Christ. Let all together, virtually, greet one another as we say together:

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: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-18 Leader
Matthew 25:1-13 Pastor

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Because He Lives*

MESSAGE: *Which Way Do I Go?* Pastor Jeff Holder

OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY: UMH #95

CLOSING: *Shalom*

SENDING FORTH: Pastor

In times like these, and in all times, go into the world with a firm commitment to go with God. Be one who lives by God's love, touching every area of your life. Go with God's peace, for it is a blessing for all with whom you engage. Live in God's hope, for you will shine brightly for those who are living in hopelessness. Take this, in all the things you do, and follow Christ, wherever he leads you, and go in peace.



Serving you today:



Liturgist:	Becky Williams
Pastor:	Jeff Holder
Doug Kolsters	Praise Team Director
Jim Austin:	PowerPoints/Praise Team
Ann Butler:	Praise Team
Glen Gorman:	Praise Team
Becky Officer	Alternate Praise Team
Judy Nikkel:	Bulletin Editing/Materials Printing
Judy Bradley:	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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*United Methodist Churches of
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Online Worship*



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