



*Community United Methodist Church
Oakdale/Riverbank, CA*

WORDS OF WELCOME: Pastor Jeff

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

CALL TO WORSHIP/OPENING PRAYER: TBD

Leader: Creator of promise and hope,
All: we come to you feeling dried up, like a valley filled with dry bones.

Leader: Share your visions of new life with us,
All: that we might have hope for our future.

Leader: Bring us up from the grave,
All: that we might live as people of promise.

Leader: Put your Spirit within us,
All: that we might have life everlasting. AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (RESPONSIVELY) TBD

Pastor: Lord of life, we come to you at loss for words, consumed by worry and pain. When we blame you for not being there in our need, forgive us.

All: When we blame you for not being there in our need, forgive us. When we turn away from you in moments of loss, guide us back to your faithful arms. For we long to put our faith in your promised healing. We yearn to truly believe that you are the resurrection and the life. Teach us once more, Merciful One, that you weep when we weep and rejoice as we find our way home. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Pastor Jeff
Pastor: Our loving creator made us a promise: "I will put my spirit within you and you shall live." The one who showed Ezekiel that a valley of dry bones could live again will bring us newness of life through Christ, who is the resurrection and the life. We are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

LIFTING UP OUR PRAYERS Pastor Jeff
SILENT/COMMUNITY & PASTORAL PRAYERS
THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:
Pastor: Today, I ask you to pass something on. While we gather in our homes and safe places, some without jobs; many of us worried about the spread of the corona virus; some of us worried about bills or the mortgage; to all of you I say, may the peace that passes all understanding, the peace and love of Christ, be with each you. I invite you to lovingly pass this on to any with you now, and those that you soon will speak to. In the face of so many challenges, it is a message we all need to hear anew, today.

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 37:1-14
John 11:1-6, 17-45 Pastor Jeff

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Pass it on* UMH #572

MESSAGE: "Just Follow the Taillights" Pastor Jeff Holder

INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY:

A SENDING FORTH:

HYMN OF CLOSING/SENDING FORTH:
Sanctuary

BENEDICTION: Pastor Jeff
Pastor: Go with the blessings of the one who forgives our failings. Go with the one who heals our hearts, and walks with us always. Go with God's blessings. Go with God.

POSTLUDE: *Shalom* UMH #666



Serving you today:



Small Group Study at Oakdale

Zoom Group 4/21, 6:00 PM, Password TBA

Anyone may attend online. Please call so you can receive the meeting link. 209-840-7939



*Small Group Study at Riverbank
suspended*

During this difficult time, or at any time, if you wish to speak with me, if you need prayer, if you would like to become a member of this church, if you would like to be baptized, or whatever is your need, please feel free to contact me. You will find my contact information on our website: or call me at: 209-840-7939

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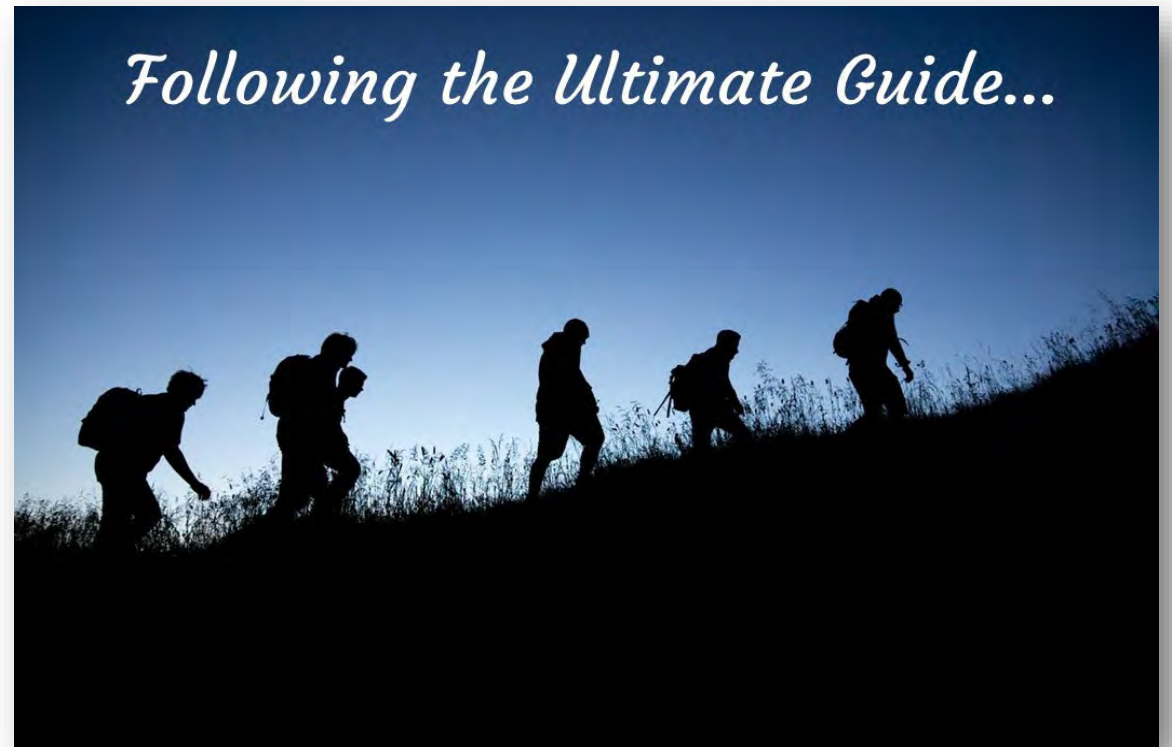
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*Sunday, March 29, 2020 - 5th Sunday in Lent
Community United Methodist Church, Oakdale
First United Methodist Church, Riverbank*