



*Community United Methodist Church
Oakdale/Riverbank, CA*

WORDS OF WELCOME/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Jeff

OPENING HYMN: *Give Me Jesus (2 verses only)* W&S 3140

CALL TO WORSHIP/OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: Lord, our journey ends here at the foot of the cross.
All: Darkness is falling, the crowd is restless.
 Leader: Our hearts break as your cries pierce the night.
All: Stay with us Lord, for we need you close at hand.
 Leader: And when the night is over and the journey continues,
All: Give us the courage to stay with You. Amen.

LITANY OF CONFESSIONS: (RESPONSIVELY) Pastor Jeff

Pastor: Merciful One, we cannot get through this night alone. Help us remain faithful in the midst of our betrayals and denials. Help us stay awake during our times of trial, when our sweat flows like rivers of blood.
All: Forgive us when we wash our hands of our culpability in the face of folly and evil. May we feel, in the marrow of our bones, the depth of our own frailty. Help us acknowledge the razor's edge that separates hope from despair in a world filled with so much pain. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Pastor Jeff

Pastor: Out of Christ's anguish, we shall see the light. Out of Christ's suffering, we will touch the mystery of love and grace that pours from the inexhaustible heart of God. By that same mystery of love and grace, we have been forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Judas portrayed Jesus with a kiss, a sign of peace. Let those of us who truly love Christ redeem that act of betrayal. Let us show signs of genuine Christian love and peace on this holy night, to one's you are with now, or to others, sent through your heart of prayer. May the peace and

love of Christ be with you all.
All: May the peace and Love of Christ be with you all.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Pastor: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another this evening. If you are viewing on your own, or viewing with others, please receive the peace and love of Christ which we send to you now. May the peace of love of Christ be with you.

All: May the peace and love of Christ be with you all.

SCRIPTURE: John 18:3-14, 19-31, 13-19:4, 9-20, 25-28

Hymn of Resonse: *What Wondrous Love is This (vs. 1 & 2)* UMH #292

TENEBRAE: *The Seven Last Words* Pastor Jeff Holder

Pastor: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."
 Read Luke 23:32-38

Pastor: And we, like sheep, have gone astray.
All: We have all turned to our own way.

*(Extinguish first candle)
SECOND WORD

Pastor: "Today, you shall be with me in paradise."
 Read Luke 23:39-43

Pastor: And we like sheep, have gone astray.
All: We have all turned to our own way.
 (Extinguish second candle.)

THIRD WORD
 Pastor: "Woman, mother, behold your son."
 "Behold your mother."
 (Read John 19:23-27)

Pastor: And we like sheep, have gone astray.
All: We have all turned to our own way.
 *(Extinguish third candle.)

FOURTH WORD
 Pastor: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
 Read Matthew 27:45-49

(Continued...)

Pastor: And we like sheep, have gone astray.
All: **We have all turned to our own way.**

*(Extinguish Fourth candle.)

FIFTH WORD

Pastor: "I thirst."
(Read John 19:28-29)

Pastor: And we like sheep, have gone astray.
All: **We have all turned to our own way.**

*(Extinguish Fifth candle.)

SIXTH WORD

Pastor: "It is finished"
(Read John 19:30)

Pastor: And we like sheep, have gone astray.
All: **We have all turned to our own way.**

*(Extinguish sixth candle.)

SEVENTH WORD

Pastor: "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."
(Read Luke 23:44-49)

Pastor: And we like sheep, have gone astray.
All: **We have all turned to our own way.**

*(Extinguish seventh candle.)

PRAYER:

Pastor: Indeed, it is done. Into the darkness we have retreated. Empty and mournful. Our brokenness leaves us in need of God's love and grace. With arms spread wide, our Lord invites us to find healing and wholeness. Let us bring our broken-ness before God, knowing that we are not forsaken. Amen. (Candles and Lights are extinguished.)

Easter Celebration: This Sunday, April 12th, 9:30 AM

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Friday, April 10, 2020 - Good Friday
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