



*Community United Methodist Church
Oakdale/Riverbank, CA*

WORDS OF WELCOME/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Jeff

OPENING HYMN: *Down to the River to Pray*

CALL TO WORSHIP/OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: Today, we will rejoice,
All: for we recognize that you have risen.

Leader: Today, we sing praises,
All: for we know you are in our midst.

Leader: Today, we will be filled,
All: for your word is alive and sustains us.

Leader: Thanks for the one who reigns on high.
All: Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (RESPONSIVELY) Leader:

Pastor: O, Loving Creator, as we gather in community this morning, we do not doubt that you are with us; but as we journey in a world that has often forgotten you, we too, forget that you walk with us yet, and we need to rely on your presence and wisdom, to safely bring us home.

All: Forgive us, O Breath of Life, for ignoring you on the path; blind to the fact that your wisdom sustains us and lifts us up when we are weary and when we are lost. Teach us to look beyond this place and this day, that we will ever remember you are our sanctuary each and every day of our lives. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Pastor Jeff

Pastor: Rejoice in the resurrection, for we have been washed in the blood that cleanses us and has made us whole. We, each of us, are forgiven!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Pastor: May we share the peace and love of Christ today, with all those with whom we gather, and all those with whom we will speak. May the peace and love of Christ be with each and everyone of you.

All: **May the peace of Christ be with you, and with all of those who will hear our voices this morning.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Pastor Jeff
**SILENT PRAYER, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE,
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:1-35 Leader

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

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Just a Close Walk with Thee*

MESSAGE: "Then, their eyes were opened" Pastor Jeff Holder

INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY:

A SENDING FORTH:

HYMN OF CLOSING/SENDING FORTH:
Open the Eyes of My Heart

BENEDICTION: Pastor Jeff

May the good news of the resurrection and the wholeness it brings, be on your hearts, and in your every word and action as you go forth to journey life's path. May our Beloved Creator continue to guide you, keep you, and make you whole.



Small Group Online Study for both Riverbank and Oakdale:

Zoom Small Group 6:00 PM, April 29. Anyone may attend online. Please call so you can receive the meeting link: 209-840-7939.

If you would like to speak with me, 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:

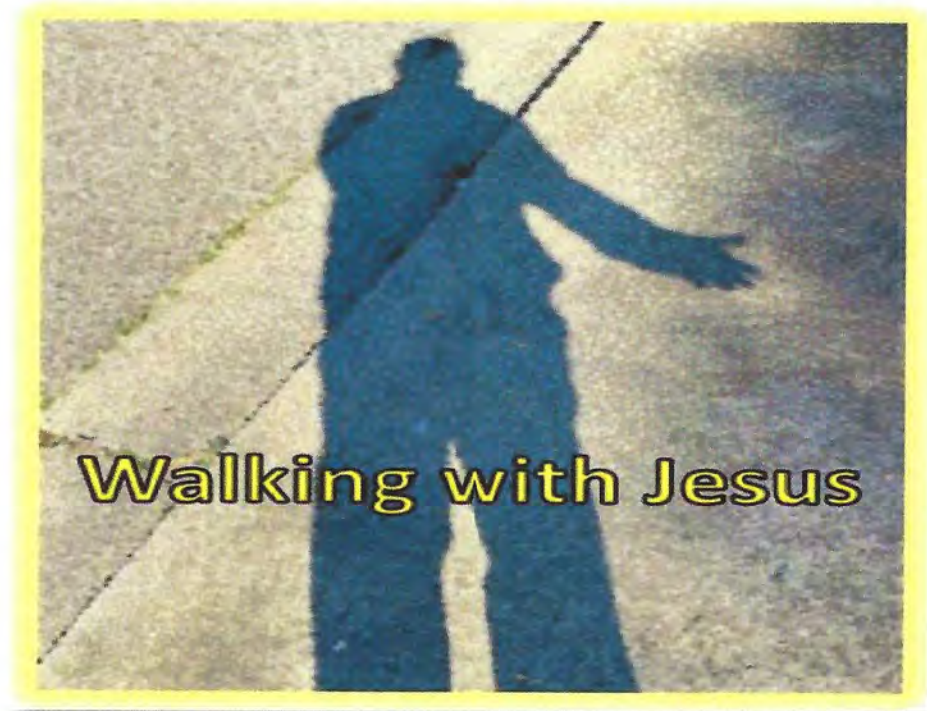
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Online Worship*

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*Sunday, April 26, 2020 - 3rd Sunday of Easter
Community United Methodist Church, Oakdale
First United Methodist Church, Riverbank*