



# Community United Methodist Church

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**WORDS OF WELCOME/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Pastor Jeff

**OPENING HYMN:** *Majesty*

## CALL TO WORSHIP/OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: Lord, we are weary of disruption,  
All: **and we wrestle with what you would have us do.**

Leader: We are wary of the work that lays ahead for us as your church,  
All: **and we wonder where we will draw our strength from.**

Leader: Guide us this morning, as we hear your word,  
All: **that we may find your order in the midst of chaos.**

Leader: Through our renewed spirit and humble work,  
All: **may many be fed by your word and made peaceful by your presence.  
Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (RESPONSIVELY)** Leader

Leader: O Kind and Loving Creator, it is always a challenge for us to focus on the work to which you have appointed us. It is so easy to throw up our hands and say, "I can't do this." We struggle to move forward. We struggle to understand that we are the ones anointed to carry the good news.

All: **Forgive us, O Creator, for we can spend countless days in turmoil, hoping that your will be done, yet forgetful that we are the ones who are to bring the good news. Wake us from the slumber of inactivity, for your precious times wait for no one. Set us to your work, as you have asked us to do. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Pastor: We have received the love of God, through the sacrifice of the Savior, and are spurred on by work of the Holy Spirit. We are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Pastor: To those who are gathered today in community, seeking the peace of Christ, that passes all understanding, we say to you -

All: **May the peace and love of Christ be with each and every one of you throughout your week.**

## JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Pastor

**SILENT PRAYER, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE,  
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## SCRIPTURE:

Genesis 32:22-31

Leader

Matthew 14:13-21

Pastor

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN OF RESPONSE:

*Bread of Life*

## MESSAGE:

*"Now What?"*

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## INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY:

## COMMUNION:

## A SENDING FORTH:

## HYMN OF CLOSING/SENDING FORTH:

*I Saw the Light*

## BENEDICTION:

Pastor

As we leave here today, may our purpose be more evident to each of us. May we be ever vigilant that all those around us have received the nourishment of God's word through Christ, and the news of God's amazing grace through the Holy Spirit. Amen. Go in Peace.



## *United Methodist Churches of Oakdale and Riverbank Online Worship*

### **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](mailto:vjholder@att.net)  
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