



*Community United Methodist Church, Oakdale
First United Methodist Church, Riverbank*

WORDS OF WELCOME: Pastor Jeff Holder

OPENING HYMN: *Great and Mighty is He*

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

Leader: Come out of the darkness into the brightness of God's transforming love.

All: **The night is past! The time is near.**

Leader: Dwell in God's light and prepare your hearts and spirits to receive God's mercy and healing.

All: **We give thanks that God's mercy and grace is available to all.**

Leader: Rejoice for forgiveness and salvation are at hand.

All: **Let us put on the clothing of the Lord that we may spread the good news.**

Leader: Let us now celebrate in God's all-encompassing love.

All: **Come let us worship and praise our God who is always with us. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Responsively) Leader

Leader: Forgiving and loving God, our hearts are filled today with pain and concern for the future of humankind. We worry for ourselves, our families, and the all the people of the world. In our fear, we cry "Where are you, O Lord?"

All: **Forgive us, merciful Creator when we forget that you are always with us, through times of peace and times of war; through times of trials and times of sickness, and even in times when we are lost in the darkness. Heal our souls. Help us to reach out to others with the assurance of your love and presence, for we ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Pastor

God hears our prayers and our cries. God leads us out of the darkness of the past into the bright promise of today. We are called to stand strong and confident in God's Love. Rejoice, dear friends, for that love which began before creation flows in and through you this day! **AMEN. All: Thanks be to God.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: Pastor

Jesus promises: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them." Though we are gathered virtually, Christ is with us now. Let us be joyful as we together greet one another:

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: **Romans 13:8-14** Leader
Matthew 8:15-20 Pastor

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Because He Lives*

MESSAGE: *"Oh, and what should I wear?"* Pastor Jeff Holder

OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY: UMH 95

COMMUNION:

CLOSING: *Do Lord*

SENDING FORTH: Pastor Jeff Holder

In all things, may we set aside the darkness, where we may neither be seen or easily heard. Darkness is a place where we ignore our neighbors and are asleep to the troubles of others. Put on the armor of light, for it dispels evil, and makes clear the way of the Lord. Live honorably as in the day, avoiding the petty evils that formerly trapped us. Put on Christ, and bring hope, love and the promise of a new beginning in the one who sacrificed all for our salvation. The task is urgent. Go in new resolution and go in peace. Amen.



Serving you today:



Liturgist:
Pastor:
Praise Team Director
Jim Austin:
Glen Gorman:
Ann Butler:
Judy Nikkel:
Judy Bradley:

Becky Williams
Jeff Holder
Doug Kolsters
PowerPoints/Praise Team
Praise Team/Camera
Praise Team
Bulletin Editing/Materials Printing
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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