



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

WORDS OF WELCOME: Pastor Jeff Holder

OPENING HYMN: *Down to the River to Pray*

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

Leader: Come now, let us unite in worship.

All: **We join together from different places; from different backgrounds; with various understandings, to worship as one.**

Leader: In the Body of Christ there is no lesser or greater. We are all equal in God's eyes.

All: **We thank God for all people with whom we worship.**

Leader: Let us rejoice as one, in the healing love of God who blesses us all.

All: **God is our guide, our strength and our power.**

Leader: Let us worship our faithful God who is always with us.

All: **Let us celebrate the good news God brings to us each day! Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Leader: Merciful Creator, we rejoice in the life you have given us but understand we are not living in perfection. We often make petty judgements about others, even though we understand such actions keep us from full fellowship with you and with one another. Lord we know what to do, and yet so often do the opposite.

All: **Merciful One, save us from our inability to see ourselves for who we are. Open our eyes that we may know ourselves in all truth. Renew our minds and cleanse our spirits, that we might rise above the petty judgments that do not keep us in right relationship with you and with others. May we bring healing from our actions through the acceptance and harmony that your will and your love bring. Forgive us that we may commence anew the journey on your path of hope, love, and grace. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Pastor

In Christ Jesus, there is no condemnation. The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the Law of sin and death. Believe in the good news and dwell on the promises of Christ. We are redeemed by God. And in this new law of loving grace, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Pastor

Even in our virtual gathering, our respect for each other abounds through the peace and love of Christ. May all here, and all who worship together here today virtually, repeat together this shared peace and love we hold in common as we say:

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 14:1-12

Leader

Matthew 18:21-35

Pastor

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE:

Seek Ye First

MESSAGE:

"My Way Or the Highway"

Pastor Jeff Holder

OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY:

UMH #95

CLOSING:

Open the Eyes of My Heart

SENDING FORTH:

Pastor Jeff Holder

We are living, not in a place of our making, but in a kin-dom not made with human hands, where the laws have not been crafted by leader nor follower, by lay nor clergy. So, when we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. Go forth to live in harmony with all of God's creation, for we are the children of God. Go in peace. Amen.



Serving you today:



Liturgist:

Becky Williams

Pastor:

Jeff Holder

Praise Team Director

Doug Kolsters

Becky Officer:

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Praise Team/Camera

Ann Butler:

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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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