

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

WORDS OF WELCOME: Pastor Jeff Holder

OPENING HYMN: *Down to the River to Pray*

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

Leader: Christ, our shepherd, is ever on the lookout for the lost and scattered sheep of God's fold. Our shepherd leads us safely to green pastures and tends our wounds. But woe to the proud and haughty that scare away the weak, for they will face the wrath of our shepherd, who loves with equity.

Leader: Enter God's gates with gladness.

All: Enter God's courts with praise.

Leader: For we are God's people,

All: the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Serve God with joyful hearts.

All: Love God by showing justice and mercy.

Leader: Enter God's gates with gladness.

All: Enter God's courts with praise.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Leader

Leader: Glorious creator, it is in times such as these, when we don't always see your glory. When we see yet another person in need, it can be hard to look them in the eye, there are so many. For lonely prisoners, our visit is even more risky, and fraught with difficulty. We feel hindered and afraid.

All: Forgive us, O Creator, for our fear. Encourage us, God of glory. Help us find the ways to see with your eyes of compassion, and safely act, that we might be your loving presence in the world. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Pastor

Pastor: For those who believe, truly know the power of God's greatness. For those who believe, there is an unquenchable fire in their hearts, having tasted God's hope. In the name of Christ Jesus, who brings fullness to all, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: Pastor

Pastor: God loves us with a tenderness that can heal the deepest wounds in our souls. Christ offers us shelter in green pastures and leads us beside still waters. The Spirit offers us a peace that passes all understanding. Let our hearts rejoice this day, as we virtually bid all everyone who have gathered here the peace of Christ, as we all say together:

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: Ezekiel 34: 11-16: 23-24 Leader

Matthew 25:31-46 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: *"I Will Set Up One Shepherd"* Pastor Jeff

OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY: UMH #95

CLOSING: *Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord*

SENDING FORTH: Pastor

As we go forth, may we remember that the glory of the Creator humbles us, and sets us always on the path to help others, through the love of Christ. May we remember that we are likened to the sheep, lovingly tended by the Savior. We are meant to gather and live for our work together in this reign of Christ, to which we have committed ourselves. May our characters and our works be as a sweet smell in heavenly places. Go in peace.



Serving you today:



Liturgist:
Pastor:
Doug Kolsters
Jim Austin:
Ann Butler:
Glen Gorman:
Becky Officer
Judy Nikkel:
Denny Nikkel:
Judy Bradley:

Becky Williams
Jeff Holder
Praise Team Director
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Praise Team
Alternate Praise Team
Bulletin Editing/Materials Printing
Alternate Praise Team
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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*“I Will Set Up One Shepherd”
 Nov 22, 2020 - Christ the King Sunday
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