

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

GATHERING SONG: *Majesty*

WORDS OF WELCOME: Pastor Jeff Holder

OPENING HYMN: *Give Me Jesus*

CALL TO WORSHIP/PRAYER Leader: Becky Williams

Leader: It is time for us to open our ears; a time to open our minds; and a time to receive the wisdom of God into our hearts. God of wisdom and truth, speak to us now.

All: **Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

Leader: Inspire us again with your very word today, so we may, in turn, take it with us where ever we are.

All: **Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

Leader: Speak clearly to our hearts O, Lord.

All: **Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

Leader: May we walk in your ways and live in your love.

All: **In the name of Christ our Messiah. AMEN.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Leader

Leader: Merciful God, you call out to us, but we are often not listening. Busy, bored, complacent, focused on other things. Can we cease our conversations to hear your call?

All: **When we fail to listen, we are choosing paths that separate us from you, from your creation, from other people, and even from ourselves. Forgetting you, we lose our very way; we lose our very lives. Forgive the harm we do without listening. Empower us with your grace and pour out your wisdom into our lives. Through your Son, Jesus Christ we pray. AMEN.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: *(Read Responsively)* Pastor Jeff

Pastor: Friends in Christ, God desires us to heed Wisdom as God cries out to us. God seeks to correct our errors, and clear away our hidden faults from sin's dominion in our lives. God restores us. God has forgiven us.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: Pastor

When our hearts are pure, and when our lives reflect God's goodness, we find peace. Let us share this peace with one another today, both at home and here as we 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: Psalm 19:7-14

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: James 3:1-12

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Open Our Eyes*

MESSAGE: *"The Challenges of the Unruly Tongue"* Pastor Jeff Holder

OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY: UMH #95

CLOSING: *Put Your Hand in the Hand*

SENDING FORTH: Pastor

As we leave this place, let us be doers of the word. May we bridle our lips, Gracious One, that our tongues may speak no evil and utter no falsehoods. May the words of our mouths be acceptable and true. May the meditations of our hearts be loving and pure. As we leave this place, may the actions of our lives be compassionate and just. May the stirrings of our hearts be guided by God's thoughts and wisdom. Walk in God's grace and go in peace. Amen.



Serving you today online:



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

Becky Williams
Jeff Holder
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Praise Team
Praise Team
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In-Person:

Liturgist Oakdale:
Liturgist Riverbank:

Becky Williams
Pastor Jeff

Worship is currently being held inside the church sanctuary at Oakdale. Riverbank is online only this week. Please wear a mask and avoid the Delta Variant. Thank you.

If you would like to speak with us, if you desire prayer, if you would like to become a member of these churches, 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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The Challenges of the Unruly Tongue
Sunday, Sept 12th, 2021
Pastor Jeff Holder