

# Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship



July 7, 2024  
7th Sunday after Pentecost

## T-Shirts!

Ripley UCC T-Shirts are now available for preorder to coincide with the launch of our new website! Designs will be available at fellowship after the service. Ordering information TBA.

## Summer Parsonage Series!

7/24 - Open Mic featuring *Robert Yeltman*

8/29 - Open Mic featuring *Chris Patterson*

## Summer Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Aug. 7th @ 7:30 pm - Cry Room
- Board of Trustees: Aug. 14th @ 6:00 pm - Cry Room
- Mission Committee: TBD
- Church Newsletter Deadline to Submit information: July 19th
  - Send to Annette: anneteknoop81@gmail.com

## Summer Mission Opportunities:

- Noisy Offering - July 28th - Holy Joe's Cafe - Coffee For Troops

## Your Help is Wanted:

- Sign up downstairs to provide Fellowship or be a Scripture Reader.

## Church/Community Involvement:

- THURSDAYS - 9:00 am - July 11th
- Soul Stitching will be on the 2nd Saturday of the Month
  - Next session Saturday July 13th @ 9:00 am

## Traer Ecumenical Vacation Bible School -

### Dividing into Friendship with God!



- Hosted @ United Presbyterian Church
- August 5th - 8th - 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- Kids age 4 through entering 6th grade
- Join us for a family meal at 7:00 pm

- Ripley is preparing supper on Tuesday Aug. 6th - See Mary Ann to Volunteer
- Volunteers to help shepherd children and run centers are also needed
- See Christy for more information.

## Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

## Invocation (adapted from Psalm 48):

- One: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised  
**Many: We ponder your steadfast love, O God, into the midst of your temple**
- One: Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the Earth.  
**Many: This is God, our God forever and ever.**
- One: He will be our guide forever.  
**Many: Amen**

## \*Opening Hymn: Sanctuary (*insert*)

## \*Confession:

- One: You call us, LORD, to proclaim your Word to the world.  
**Many: We fear what our neighbor will say.**
- One: You tell us to "shake the dust" of judgment and rejection.  
**Many: We fail to hear and obey.**

One: Teach us, God, to live out the Gospel example.  
**Many: Free us to see, serve, and answer your call.**

### **\*Silent Prayer**

### **\*Assurance:**

One: Hear the Gospel! Our God is a merciful and loving God.  
**Many: By His grace, we are forgiven**

One: By His love, we are set free  
**All: Amen**

### **\*Passing the Peace/ Children's Procession**

Our Gospel teaches that the Kingdom of God belongs to those who enter it like a child. As our children come forward, it is our custom to greet each other from our places, then sing them to the front with the traditional song "This Little Light of Mine." If you are worshiping with us online, please feel free to say hello in the comments, so we know you are

### **Children's Celebration - "Take Up Your Spade"**

**Gospel:** Mark 6:1-13

**Homily:** "Shake the Dust"

**Hymn:** "I Love to Tell the Story" (*New Century Hymnal* #522)

### **Offertory**

**\*Presentation of our Offerings:** Doxology (*NCH* #780)

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Prayers of the Church**

## **Communion**

### **Invitation**

One: Our faith is one of extravagant welcome. We honor God's table, open to all.  
**Many: We gather with all Creation.**

### **Prayer**

One: God be with you  
**Many: And also with you**

One: Lift up your hearts  
**Many: We lift them up to God**

One: Let us give thanks to God  
**Many: It is right to give thanks and praise**

One: God of all creation, we give thanks for your continuous care. We praise the living, mortal example of your son, Jesus Christ, who offers a path to salvation. We honor the Holy Spirit, who reminds us of your truth, your presence and your promise.

**Many: God of Love and Grace, the whole Universe speaks to your Glory. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna!**

### **Setting the Table**

One: We remember that on the night of his betrayal and desertion, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it

to the disciples, saying, "this is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup, saying, "Drink this, all of you. This is the blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Many: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

One: This table is God's table, open to all creation. These elements are the body and blood of Christ, broken and poured for you. This faith we share is the Spirit, which unites us in Holy Communion. For this, we give thanks.

**Many: We proclaim our continuing faith in the Good News of Jesus Christ, and offer our lives in service.**

One: Let us pray the words Jesus taught us:

**Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)**

**Call to the Supper**

One: The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

One: The cup is the communion of the blood of Christ.

One: Jesus, Lamb of God

**Many: have mercy on us.**

One: Jesus, bearer of our sins

**Many: have mercy on us**

One: Jesus, redeemer of the world

**Many: give us your peace**

One: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

**Sharing the Elements**

One: Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you.

**Many: Amen!**

One: Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.

**Many: Amen!**

**\*Closing Hymn: "Just As I Am" (NCH #207)**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**



\* Stand, in body or spirit

*Please join us for fellowship downstairs*

Thank you for attending Ripley United Church of Christ.  
We're glad you came.

Connect to our church on Facebook by searching,  
"Ripley United Church of Christ."

Connect to us in person over refreshments downstairs after the service.

Bridge Minister Jim Coppoc is available to our community at:  
515-708-4343 (text is best)

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[Facebook.com/jim.at.ripley](https://www.facebook.com/jim.at.ripley)

Prayer requests can be submitted online at  
<https://tinyurl.com/3n324nvk>, in person to Jim or any Deacon, or by  
following this QR code:



## Sanctuary

by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

### Chorus:

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for you

### Verse 1:

It is you, Lord, who came to save  
The heart and soul of every man  
It is you, Lord, who knows my weakness  
Who gives me strength with thine own hand

(chorus)

### Verse 2:

Lead me on, Lord, from temptation  
Purify me from within  
Fill my heart with your Holy Spirit  
Take away all my sin

(chorus x2)