




Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship



August 4, 2024
11th Sunday after Pentecost



T-Shirts! - Ripley T-Shirts are now available! Order forms available downstairs.

Summer Parsonage Series! - 8/29 @ 6:30 - Open Mic feat. *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

Summer Mission Opportunities:

- Noisy Offering - Aug. 25th - Holy Joe's Cafe - Coffee For Troops

Your Help is Wanted:

- Sign up downstairs to provide Fellowship or be a Scripture Reader.
- Volunteers needed to run sound or camera


Church/Community Involvement:

- THURSDAYS - 9:00 am - Quilting in Fellowship Hall
- August Soul Stitching will be Saturday, **August 17**, at 9:00 am

Traer Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

- August 5th-8th @ United Presbyterian
- Volunteers, cash and in-kind donations are still needed.
- Ripley is preparing supper on Tuesday 8/6 - See Mary Ann to Volunteer

Winding Stairs Festival! - August 8-11, 2024

- Volunteers needed for pancake breakfast 8/10 @ UP Church - sign up back of the church
 - Ecumenical Church Service with Salt Light 8/11
 - Outdoor service (Taylor Park)
 - Ripley is rain location
 - Volunteers needed - See Jane for more information
 - Refreshments needed - See Jane for more information
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Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

***Opening Hymn:** "I Woke Up This Morning"

***Invocation** (John 6:35):

One: *Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*

Many: Let us worship in the presence of an abundant and gracious God. Amen.

***Confession** (excerpted from Psalm 51):

One: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

Many: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.

One: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Many: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

***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 worshipping with us online, please feel free to say hello in the comments, so we know you are here.

Children's Celebration - "Spirit Says Sing"

Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

Homily: "One Body, One Spirit"

Hymn: "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant" (*Black Hymnal* #539)

Offertory

***Presentation of our Offerings:** Doxology (*Black Hymnal* #780)

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

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:** "They'll Know We Are Christians" (*Red Hymnal* #429)

***Benediction**

Postlude

* Stand, in body or spirit



The congregation of Ripley UCC holds the Detje family in our hearts today as they mourn the loss of Carol: mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and long time member of this church.

Please join us for fellowship downstairs after the service.

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.