

# Announcements!

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

## Summer Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Sept. 8th @ 10:00 am - Cry Room
- Board of Trustees: Sept. 11th @ 6:00 pm - Cry Room
- Mission Committee: TBD

## Summer Mission Opportunities:

- Noisy Offering - Today - Aug. 25th - Holy Joe's Cafe - Coffee For Troops
- Noisy Offering - Sept. 29th - 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:

- Quilting is on Vacation!  
Gathering to quilt will restart on Thursday Sept. 12th @ 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall.
- September Soul Stitching will be Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 9:00 am



## Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

August 25, 2024  
14th Sunday after Pentecost



## Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

**\*Opening Hymn:** "I've Got Peace Like a River" (*Black Hymnal* #478)

**\*Praise and Invocation** (excerpted from Psalm 34):

One: The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

**Many: When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and rescues them from all their troubles.**

One: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

**Many: The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

One: Let us worship in the presence of a gracious and nurturing God.

**Many: Amen.**

**\*Confession:**

One: Our God calls us to trust and abide in him  
**Many: Instead we despair, looking only to ourselves**

One: Our God is near in times of trouble  
**Many: We do not welcome his presence**

One: Forgive us, God, our indifference  
**Many: Teach us to abide in your love**

**\*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 scripture 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 the children 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** - "Praise Him!"

**Reading:** Ephesians 6:10-20

**Homily:** "Ambassador in Chains"

**Hymn:** "Blessed Assurance" (*Black Hymnal #473*)

**Offertory**

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

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Prayers of the People**

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

**\*Closing Hymn:** "When Peace, Like a River" (*Black Hymnal #438*)

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

\* Please stand, in body or spirit



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

Song Leader today was Alex Bagenstos.  
Reader was Lindsey Christie

Find us online at [www.ripleyucc.org](http://www.ripleyucc.org), or connect to us in person over refreshments downstairs after the service.

Bridge Minister Jim Coppoc is available to our community at:  
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Prayer requests can be submitted in person to Jim or any Deacon, or by following this QR code:

