




Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship



September 1, 2024
15th Sunday after Pentecost



New Website! - Our new website is up and running at ripleyucc.org

Summer Parsonage Series - 9/18 @ 6:30 - Open Mic feat. *Robert Maharry*

Summer Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Sept. 8th @ 10:00 am - Cry Room
- Board of Trustees: Sept. 11th @ 6:00 pm - Cry Room
- Mission Committee: Sept. 4th @ 6:00 pm - Office


Fall Mission Opportunities:

- Sunday Sept. 15th Mission Committee led Sunday Service @ 9:00 am
 - We'll celebrate what we've been up to and preview a special project.
 - Do you want to participate in leading worship? Volunteer with Patty
- Saturday Sept. 28th - 9 to 11:00 am - Ripley Service Field Trip!
 - Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed Build Field Trip to Ames
 - Come to worship on Sept 15th to learn about our plans and get signed up to participate!
- 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
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Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

*Invocation and Call to Worship:

One: What is the purpose of Ripley United Church of Christ?

Many: ...to serve God by serving others

One: The LORD be with you

Many: And also with you

One: Let us worship a gracious and loving God.

Many: Thanks be to God.

One: Amen

***Opening Hymn:** "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" (*Black Hymnal* #59)

***Confession** (cf. Micah 6:8-9):

One: Our scripture warns of an empty faith.

Many: Too often, we only act out our faith, without tending to the still, small voice of the Spirit within.

One: We commit the sin of hypocrisy.

Many: We commit the sin of pride.

One: What does the LORD require of us?

Many: To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.

One: Teach us, God, to see, serve and love as you have called us.

Many: Show us the path we are meant to follow.

***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 - "Hallelu, Hallelu"

Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Homily: "The Turkey and the Pan"

Hymn: "Lord, Make Me More Holy" (*Black Hymnal #75*)

Offertory

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

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:** "God Be With You" (*Black Hymnal #81*)

***Benediction**

Postlude

* Stand, in body or spirit



Please join us for fellowship downstairs after the service.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

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

Many: have mercy on us.

One: Jesus, bearer of our sins

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.