

# Announcements!

**New Website!** - Our new website is up and running at [ripleyucc.org](http://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: Oct. 9th @ 6:00 pm - Cry Room

## 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 **Oct. 12th** - 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

## Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship



September 8, 2024  
16th Sunday after Pentecost



## Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

**\*Opening Hymn:** "Praise to the Living God" (*Black Hymnal #8*)

**\*Praise and Invocation** (adapted from Psalm 146):

One: Praise the LORD!

**Many: Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

One: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

**Many: The LORD executes justice for the oppressed; gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free.**

One: Let us worship in the presence of a just and loving God.

**Many: Amen.**

**\*Confession:**

One: Our God calls us to serve one another

**Many: Our faith is empty without action**

One: Too often, we feel the Spirit moving, but fail to act.

**Many: We commit the sin of sloth**

One: Forgive us, God, our apathy and our pride.

**Many: Teach us to serve as you have called us.**

**\*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** - "Spirit Says..."

**Readings:** Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; James 2:13-17

**Homily:** "Faith and Works"

**Hymn:** "Sanctuary" (insert)

**Offertory**

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

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Prayers of the People**

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

**\*Closing Hymn:** "Take my Life, God, Let It Be" (*Black Hymnal* #448)

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

\* Please stand, in body or spirit



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

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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[jimatripley@gmail.com](mailto:jimatripley@gmail.com)

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

Prayer requests can be submitted 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)

