

Announcements!

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

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

Meetings:

- Mission Committee: Oct. 9th @ 6:00 pm - Cry Room
- Board of Deacons: Oct. 13th @ 10:00 am - Cry Room
- Board of Trustees: Oct. 16th @ 6:00 pm - Cry Room

Fall Mission Opportunities:

- Sept. 19th - Red Cross Blood Drive @ Traer Memorial Building
 - 12:30 to 5:30 PM - sponsored by Traer United Presbyterian Church
- Saturday **Oct. 12th** - Ripley Service Field Trip!
 - Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed Build Field Trip to Ames
 - Leave Ripley at 7:30 am (carpooling)
 - Work from 9 to 11:00 am
 - Lunch at Pizza Ranch
 - *Free Will Donation Basket out Sept. 29th & Oct. 6th reminder of cost taken care of by Mission Committee
 - Arrive back at Ripley approximately 2:00 pm
- 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:

- Gathering to quilt on Thursdays @ 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall
 - October Soul Stitching will be on the third Saturday, **Oct. 19th**, at 9:00 am in the Fellow
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Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

September 15, 2024
17th Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

***Opening Hymn:** "This Is The Day" (*Black Hymnal* #84)

***Praise and Invocation** (excerpted from Psalm 19):

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Many: Day to day pours forth Speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

One: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes.

Many: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

One: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Many: Amen.

***Confession:**

One: God calls us to lead lives of service and humility.

Many: We fail to obey.

One: God teaches us to love one another.

Many: Often our hearts are empty.

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 - "This Little Light"

Responsive Reading:

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

Many: ...to serve God by serving others.

One: What is the **Mission** of Ripley United Church of Christ?

Many: We prepare ourselves for service through worship, prayer,

fellowship, religious education, financial stewardship, support of each others' growth, and the celebration of sacraments.

We **discern** the needs of the community through our presence and involvement; our covenant with and participation in the broader UCC movement and the Church Universal; and insight gathered through careful, prayerful listening to both community voices and that still, small voice of God within.

We **serve** through a variety of ministries, including worship, outreach, mission work, visitation, religious education, music, and financial and logistical support of groups that share our purpose.

In all of this, we **attend** to the Holy Spirit moving within ourselves and our congregation, so that the work we do may glorify God and point us toward righteousness, justice and peace.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Message: "The Least of These"

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

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

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

***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, 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:

