

Announcements

Summer Parsonage Series

LAST EVENT OF THE SEASON - 10/23 @ 6:30 - Open Mic ft. *Uncle Chuck*

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 @ 5:30 pm - Cry Room
- Congregational Meeting: Oct. 27th After Worship (See details below)

Fall Mission Opportunities:

- October 6th - UCC Neighbors In Need Offering Collected - find the envelope in your bulletin
- 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
 - Sign up in the kitchen or contact Patty @ 319-269-7286
- Noisy Offering - TODAY - Holy Joe's Cafe - Coffee For Troops

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 Fellowship Hall.

Fall Festival and Special Congregation Meeting - Sunday Oct. 27th

- Special Meeting immediately following worship to vote on updates to Church ByLaws and Constitution. Copies of proposed changes in the rear of the church.
 - 9:00 to 10:00 Worship and Special Meeting.
 - 10:00 to 11:00 Fun Activities in the Fellowship Hall
 - 11:00 to 12:30 Lunch is Served - Details to follow



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

September 29, 2024
19th Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

***Opening Hymn:** "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" (*Black Hymnal* #459)

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

One: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
Many: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

One: the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether..
Many: But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

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

***Confession:**

One: Our Gospel calls us to cut out what is evil.
Many: We fail to confront the sin within.

One: We commit the sins of sloth, arrogance and denial.

Many: We fail to become what we are meant to be.

One: Forgive us, God, our indolence.

Many: Teach us to grow 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 - "Not My Brother, Nor My Sister..."

Reading: Mark 9:38-50

Message: "Why We Confess"

Hymn of Praise: "Immortal, Invisible" (*Black Hymnal #1*)

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



Prayers for the Hulme family, who lost a beloved patriarch this past week, and the Zimmerman family, who lost a beloved son. Harry Hulme's memorial will be 10/6 in Centerville, and Jonathan Hommer's (son of Kelli Zimmerman) will be 9/28 in Waconia, Minnesota.

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:

