

Notes...

Summer Parsonage Series!

- 6/26 - Open Mic featuring *Katie Sires*
- 7/24 - Open Mic featuring *Robert Yeltman*
- 8/29 - Open Mic featuring *Chris Patterson*
- 9/18 - Open Mic featuring *Ron Maharry*

Summer Meetings/Business:

- Board of Trustees: June 19th @ 5:30 pm - Cry Room
- Board of Deacons: Aug. 7th @ 7:30 pm - Cry Room
- Mission Committee: TBD
- Church Newsletter Deadline to Submit information: July 19th
 - Send to Annette: anneteknoop81@gmail.com

Summer Mission Opportunities:

- Noisy Offering - June 30th - Holy Joe's Cafe - Coffee For Troops

Your Help is Wanted:

- Sign up downstairs to provide Fellowship or be a Scripture Reader.

Church/Community Involvement:

- THURSDAYS - 9:00 am - June 20th
- Soul Stitching will be on the 2nd Saturday of the Month
 - Next session Saturday July 13th @ 9:00 am

New Worship Element!

- After we pass the peace to our neighbors, please join in singing the children to the front with "This Little Light of Mine."



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

June 16, 2024
4th Sunday after Pentecost - Father's Day



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Invocation (adapted from Psalm 92):

One: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

Many: to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

One: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Many: The LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

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

Many: Amen

***Opening Hymn:** "Great Is Your Faithfulness" (NCH #423)

*Confession:

One: Our Gospel declares the kingdom of Heaven is within us

Many: We look for answers everywhere but here

One: Our Gospel teaches that great things can grow from faith the size of a mustard seed

Many: Sometimes it is hard to muster even that.

One: Teach us, God, to walk in faith
Many: Show us the Kingdom within

***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 Gospel 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 them to the front with the traditional song "This Little Light of Mine." If you are worshiping with us online, please feel free to say hello in the comments, so we know you are here.

Children's Celebration - "Garden Song"

Reading: Mark 4:26-34

Homily: "...Like a Mustard Seed"

Hymn: "In The Bulb There Is a Flower" (NCH 433)

Offertory

***Presentation of our Offerings:** Doxology (NCH #780)

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (NCH #472)

***Benediction**

Postlude

The theology of national flags in Christian worship is complicated to say the least. As we play the song, "Stars and Stripes Forever" to mark the passing of Flag Day this past weekend, let us also mark our commitment to the promise of this nation to let all humankind live together in liberty, justice, and equality for all.

* Stand, in body or spirit

Please join us for fellowship downstairs



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

Connect to our church on Facebook by searching,
"Ripley United Church of Christ."

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 online at
<https://tinyurl.com/3n324nvk>, in person to Jim or any Deacon, or by
following this QR code:

