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Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship



June 9, 2024
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Summer Parsonage Series - Open Mic featuring Katie Sires!

Spread the word!!! On **Wednesday, June 26th**, at **6:30 pm** we will open the Ripley parsonage to the Traer community to share their talents, with a featured performance by Katie Sires of *Katie and the Honky Tonks*, one of Iowa's most popular and dynamic up-and-coming bands. This event is an opportunity for the Traer community to come together and share their talents in a supportive, welcoming space. Watch Facebook for details.

Summer Meetings:

- Board of Trustees: June 19th @ 5:30 pm - Cry Room
- Board of Deacons: Aug. 7th @ 7:30 pm - Cry Room
- Mission Committee: TBD

Summer Mission Opportunities:

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

Your Help is Wanted:

- **Seeking Tech Crew Members:** Involves running the live stream and music for worship, all equipment and media provided.
Questions - See Patty 319-269-7286
- Sign up downstairs to provide Fellowship or be a Scripture Reader.

Church/Community Involvement:

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

Welcome to our Guest Musician: Greg Deitrick - Traer on Trumpet

Welcome and Announcements Prelude by Greg Deitrick Candle Lighting

Invocation (adapted from Psalm 138):

One: I give thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

Many: I give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

Many: Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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

Many: Amen

***Opening Hymn:** "Enter, Rejoice and Come In" (NCH #73)

*Confession:

One: We celebrate, LORD, the work of your hands.

Many: We celebrate, but do not understand.

One: Too often we reject your creation.

Many: We fear what is new to us.

One: Teach us, God, the courage your son calls us to.

Many: Free us to see, serve and love all that you have made.

***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**

It is our custom to greet each other good morning from our places and then be seated.

Children's Celebration - "Siyahamb"

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Homily: "...And So We Speak"

Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story" (NCH 522)

Offertory/ Special Music by Greg Deitrick

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" (NCH #459)

***Benediction**

Postlude By Greg Deitrick

* 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.

Special music was provided by Greg Deitrick

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:

515-708-4343 (text is best)

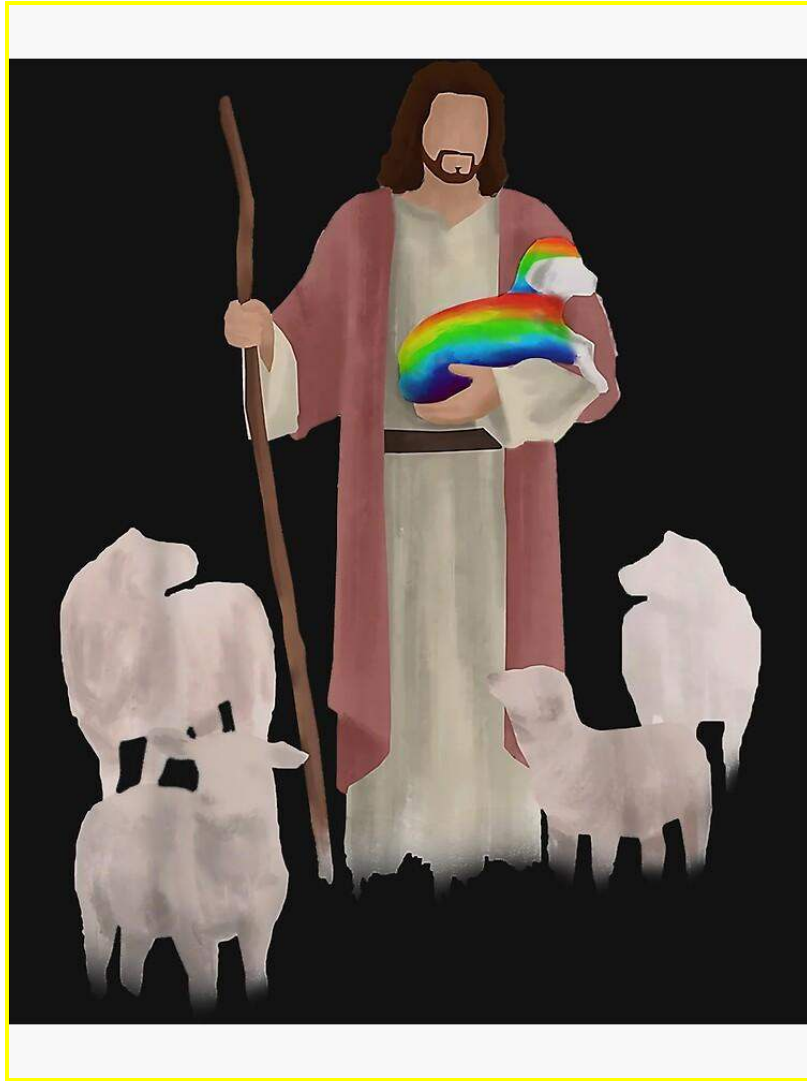
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Prayer requests can be submitted online at
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following this QR code:



Affirmation and Resources



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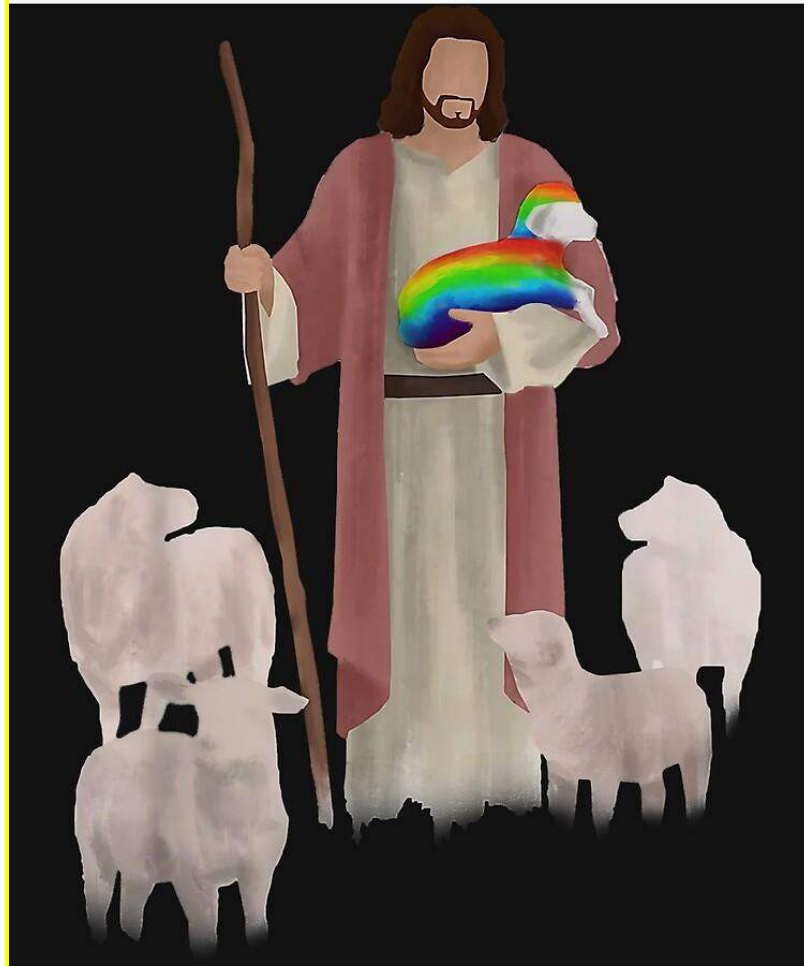


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