

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
- 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 - Oct. 27th - 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

October 6, 2024
World Communion Sunday



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 67)

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us...

Many: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

One: May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

Many: May the peoples praise you.

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

Many: Amen.

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

*Confession:

One: Our Gospel calls us to see, serve and love our fellow human
Many: Too often, we see, serve and love only ourselves.

One: Our neighbor needs us now more than ever.
Many: We fail to heed the call.

One: Forgive us, God, our indolence and sloth.

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 - "The More We Get Together..."

Reading: 1 John 4:16b-21

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. **17** Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. **18** There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. **19** We love because he first loved us. **20** Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. **21** The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Message: "On Communion, and Love"

Hymn of Praise: "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

Communion

Invitation

One: Our faith is one of extravagant welcome. We honor God's table, open to all.

Many: We gather with all Creation.

Prayer

One: God be with you

Many: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts

Many: We lift them up to God

One: Let us give thanks to God

Many: It is right to give thanks and praise

One: God of all creation, we give thanks for your continuous care. We praise the living, mortal example of your son, Jesus Christ, who offers a path to salvation. We honor the Holy Spirit, who reminds us of your truth, your presence and your promise.

Many: God of Love and Grace, the whole Universe speaks to your Glory. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna!

Setting the Table

One: We remember that on the night of his betrayal and desertion, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "this is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup, saying, "Drink this, all of you. This is the blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Many: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

One: This table is God's table, open to all creation. These elements are the body and blood of Christ, broken and poured for you. This faith we share is the Spirit, which unites us in Holy Communion. For this, we give thanks.

Many: We proclaim our continuing faith in the Good News of Jesus Christ, and offer our lives in service.

One: Let us pray the words Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Call to the Supper

One: The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

One: The cup is the communion of the blood of Christ.

One: Jesus, Lamb of God

Many: have mercy on us.

One: Jesus, bearer of our sins

Many: have mercy on us

One: Jesus, redeemer of the world

Many: give us your peace

One: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

Sharing the Elements

One: Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you.

Many: Amen!

One: Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.

Many: Amen!

Blessing the Quilts

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.

One: Our church has many hands

Many: Blessed be those who sew, who join together the fabric of our community.

One: Our church has many hearts.

Many: Blessed be those who give, who use their time and their talents to create enduring testaments to their love of neighbor.

One: These quilts are destined for hospital and hospice, infant and elder, the homeless, the veteran, the oppressed.

Many: These quilts are destined to comfort the afflicted and care for the stranger in all stages and phases of life.

One: As we lay hands on these quilts and ask God to bless them, let us remember the love with which they were made, the warmth they will bring, and the compassion with which we send them into the world.

[the congregation lays their hands on the quilts nearest to them]

One: The Gospel tells us the righteous will ask, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the Lord will answer, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me."

One: Creator God, who fashioned the heavens and the earth, we ask your blessing on these, the gifts our congregation has created.

Many: We ask that you fill the hearts of those who receive them with the Spirit in which they were made.

One: Keep them warm, keep them safe, keep them loved.

Many: Amen

***Closing Hymn:** "Lord, Make Me More Holy" (Black Hymnal #75)

***Benediction
Postlude**

* 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:

