

Announcements

Parsonage Series

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

Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Today - 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)
- Mission Committee: Jan. 15, 2025

Fall Mission Opportunities:

- 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.
- Thanksgiving Eve Community Service @ Ripley UCC
 - Nov. 27th @ 7:00 pm

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

Office Hours

- As Jim's time at Ripley unfolds and we refine systems, it has been more useful for many members to text for appointments than to make office hours at any certain time. Jim can be reached at 515-708-4343. General availability is weekday evenings and Sunday afternoons.



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

October 13, 2024
21st Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

***Opening Hymn:** "Thy Word" (Red Hymnal #184)

***Invocation** (adapted from Psalm 22):

One: You alone are holy, God, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
Many: In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

One: Do not be far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.
Many: Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver.

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

***Confession:**

One: God speaks to us.
Many: We fail to listen.

One: The Holy Spirit moves within us.
Many: We fail to heed the call.

One: Forgive us God, our apathy and ignorance.
Many: Teach us to see, serve and love according to your Word.

***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 - "...to follow Jesus"

Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

Message: "The Living Word"

Hymn: "Take My Life, God, Let It Be" (*Black Hymnal* #448)

Offertory

***Presentation of our Offerings:** Doxology (*Black Hymnal* #780)

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "I Love to Tell the Story" (*Black Hymnal* #522)

***Benediction**

Postlude

* Please stand, in body or spirit



Prayers for the Zimmerman family as they grieve Jim Zimmerman, former Ripley minister.

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:

