

Announcements

Meetings:

- Congregational Meeting: Oct. 27th After Worship
- Board of Deacons: Nov. 10th @ 10:00 am - Cry Room
- Board of Trustees: Nov. 19th @ 5:30 pm - Cry Room
- Mission Committee: Jan. 15, 2025

Fall Mission Opportunities:

- Noisy Offering - Today - Oct. 27th - Holy Joe's Cafe - Coffee For Troops
- Noisy Offering- November 24th - Holy Joe's Cafe - Coffee For Troops

Church/Community Involvement:

- Gathering to quilt on Thursdays @ 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall
- November Soul Stitching will be on the second Saturday, **Nov. 9th**, at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Thanksgiving! - Wednesday, November 27th @ Ripley UCC

- Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
 - It is our tradition to gather with the churches in our neighborhood on Thanksgiving Eve to celebrate fellowship and ecumenical love.
- Offering: Shelf-stable food items to donate to the CHAT food pantry.
- Fellowship with light finger food from 6-7pm in the fellowship hall.
- Worship @ 7:00 pm

Religious Education

- Please see insert for a brief survey on upcoming opportunities.



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship



October 27, 2024
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

*Invocation (from Psalm 34):

One: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Many: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

One: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

Many: The Lord redeems the life of his servants...

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

Many: Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Sanctuary" (insert)

*Confession:

One: Our Gospel declares that our faith will make us well.

Many: Too often, we lose heart; our faith diminishes.

One: We are called to inspire faith in others.

Many: We do not serve them as we should.

One: Forgive us God, our indolence and despair.

Many: Teach us to serve faithfully in the world which you have created.

*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 - "Thanks a Lot"

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Message: "Faith, Service and Healing"

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:** "Just As I Am" (*Black Hymnal* #207)

***Benediction**

Postlude

* Please 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:
515-708-4343 (text is best)

jimatripley@gmail.com

[Facebook.com/jim.at.ripley](https://www.facebook.com/jim.at.ripley)

Prayer requests can be submitted in person to Jim or any Deacon, or by following this QR code:



Congregational Survey



As our church continues to *renew, refresh* and *regrow*, the time has come to bring back our focus on adult religious education. Jim is able to dedicate some time to facilitating this effort, but we'd like to hear from the congregation what would best meet your needs. Please circle the options below that work best for you, then place your completed survey on the back table.

Time

- 1) Weekly on Sundays
- 2) Weekly on a weeknight (specify: _____)
- 3) biweekly (specify Sunday or weeknight: _____)
- 4) monthly (specify Sunday or weeknight: _____)
- 5) read on your own, then gather quarterly to discuss

Place

- 1) Ripley
- 2) Community Location, such as Pizza Palace or the library
- 3) blend of online and in person

Content

- 1) Bible Study - Lectionary readings we didn't cover Sunday
- 2) Bible Study - topical series
- 3) Current Events
- 4) Theological book/movie club
- 5) Group gathers, then chooses topics

Investment

How likely are you to participate in ongoing religious education?

Unlikely Somewhat Likely Fairly Likely Definitely



Sanctuary

by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

Chorus:

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

Verse 1:

It is you, Lord, who came to save
The heart and soul of every man
It is you, Lord, who knows my weakness
Who gives me strength with thine own hand

(chorus)

Verse 2:

Lead me on, Lord, from temptation
Purify me from within
Fill my heart with your Holy Spirit
Take away all my sin

(chorus x2)