

Announcements

Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Sunday Dec. 8th @ 10:00 am - Fellowship Hall
- Board of Trustees: Tuesday Dec. 17th @ 5:30 pm - Fellowship Hall
- Mission Committee: Wednesday Jan. 15th @ 6:00 pm - South Office

Fall Mission Opportunities:

- Noisy Offering- Today - Holy Joe's Cafe - Coffee For Troops

Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting will NOT meet Nov. 28th - Happy Thanksgiving
- December Quilting Days to be announced
- No Soul Stitching on Saturday in December

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

- Adult RE will begin in January with twice monthly topics at Ripley and at Pizza Palace (if open). Details TBD.
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with Children's RE during future services. Please see Jim for details.

Light Replacement in the Fellowship Hall Today @ 2:00 pm

- Volunteers for Ground work and Ladder work needed



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

November 24th, 2024
Reign of Christ



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 93):

One: The LORD is King; he is robed in majesty...

Many: He has established the world; it shall never be moved

One: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters [...] majestic on high is the Lord!

Many: Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

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

Many: Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "We Gather Together" (red hymnal #790)

*Confession:

One: Our Gospel calls us to "testify to the truth."

Many: Too often, we fail to speak.

One: Our faith teaches love, grace, justice and inclusion.

Many: We lose sight of the things that matter.

One: Forgive us God, our ignorance and reticence.

Many: Teach us to serve the world you created.

*Silent Prayer

* Please stand, in body or spirit

***Assurance:**

One: Hear the Gospel! Our God is a gracious 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 worshiping with us online, please feel free to say hello in the comments, so we know you are here.

Children's Celebration - "Praise Him!"

Readings: Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

Message: "The Reign of Christ"

Hymn: "Because He Lives" (red hymnal #358)

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" (red hymnal #444)

***Benediction**

Postlude



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

Accompanist/Special Music today was Laura Henrichs.
Song Leader was Alex Bagenstos
Reader was Lindsey Christi

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:



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/528574031401796>

