



### Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Monday Feb. 10th @ 7:00 pm - Fellowship Hall
- Board of Trustees: Tuesday Feb. 18th @ 5:30 pm - Fellowship Hall
- Mission Committee: Wednesday March 26th @ 6:30 - Office

### Today:

- Help us take down Christmas after worship today!
- Lunch at UMC for today is cancelled. Fellowship downstairs
- **Annual reports are due TODAY.** Send to Joyce Scribner's email address: [Littlehousequilts@hotmail.com](mailto:Littlehousequilts@hotmail.com)

### Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting is ready for the new year! Thursday Jan. 23rd @ 9:00 am
  - Soul Stitching is Feb. 8th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering- Jan. 26th - Storks Nest - Lent Offering for 2025

### Announcing/Notice:

- Worship Feb. 16th will be **AT the United Methodist Church** across the street!
  - UMC has a special worship hosted by the Gideons. Worship starts at 9:30 am with Fellowship to follow.
  - Calling all Singers! We are invited to join their Choir for the workshop. They will be singing familiar hymns, no advanced practice. For more information contact Linda Lyons @ 319-404-2900.

### Religious Education

- "Jesus Said What?" series begins **January 26 at 3:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall with a reading/discussion of the Beatitudes and surrounding text.
- After the annual meeting on **February 9**, Ripley will host a special event to celebrate Bill Douglas, a friend and attendee of our church, as he reads from his new book, *The People Are Kind: A Religious History of Iowa*.
- "Jesus Said What?" series continues the afternoon of **March 2** (time and location TBD) with a discussion of Jesus' message and promise at the Last Supper.
- Confirmation will be scheduled Spring/Summer 2025 for youth aged 13 and up. Please see Jim if you know a young person who might be interested.

### Annual Meeting:

- RUCC Annual Meeting: Feb. 9th after Worship - Sanctuary
  - Bill Douglas reading and luncheon to follow
  - Weather Make Up Date: Feb. 16th after Worship



# Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

Jan. 19th, 2025  
Second Sunday After Epiphany / MLK Day



## Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

### Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 36):

One: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Many: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgements are like the great deep...**

One: How Precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**Many: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

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

**Many: Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** "I Woke Up This Morning" (black hymnal #85)

### Confession:

One: Our faith calls us to see, serve, and love our fellow human.

**Many: We do not see their suffering. We do not serve their needs. We do not love them in deed as in word.**

One: Our Scripture calls us to offer our gifts freely.

**Many: We do not share as we should.**

One: Forgive us, God, our failings.

**Many: Teach us to love as we are called.**

\* Please stand, in body or spirit



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

Reader today was Denis Winklepleck, Jr.  
CE helper was Josh Youel

Bridge Minister Jim Coppoc is available to our community at:  
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Find us online at [www.ripleyucc.org](http://www.ripleyucc.org), or connect to us in person over refreshments downstairs after the service.

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

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<https://tinyurl.com/3n324nvk>, in person to Jim or any Deacon

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

## Silent Prayer

### 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 - "...A Place in the Choir"

**Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

**Homily:** "Spiritual Gifts"

**\*Hymn:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (black hymnal #472)

### Offertory

**\*Presentation of our Offerings:** Doxology (black hymnal #780)

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### Prayers of the People

**Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)**

**\*Hymn:** "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?" (black hymnal #539)

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**