



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

Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting - Thursday Jan. 30th @ 9:00 am
 - Soul Stitching is Feb. 8th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering- TODAY - Jan. 26th - Storcks 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 attender 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 & Luncheon - Please Join us in person or online:

- RUCC Annual Meeting: Feb. 9th after Worship - Sanctuary 9:45 am
 - Bill Douglas *The People Are Kind: A Religious History of Iowa* 10:00 am
 - Baked Potato luncheon to follow 10:45ish in the Fellowship Hall
 - Weather Make Up Date: Feb. 16th after Worship



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

Jan. 26th, 2025
Third Sunday After Epiphany



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 19):

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Many: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

One: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

Many: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.

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

Many: Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" (black hymnal #59)

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.

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 - "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Reading: Luke 4:14-21

Homily: "Christ's Anointing"

***Hymn:** "For the Healing of the Nations" (black hymnal #576)

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Hymn:** "They'll Know We Are Christians" (red hymnal #429)

***Benediction**

Postlude

* Please stand, in body or spirit



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

Reader today was Josh Youel
CE helper was Lindsey Christie

Bridge Minister Jim Coppoc is available to our community at:
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Find us online at 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:

Prayer requests can be submitted online at
<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.