



Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: - Sunday, May 11th @ 10 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Tuesday May 13th @ 5:30 pm - Office
- Mission Committee: Wednesday June 4th @ 6:30 - Office

Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting - Thursday April 24th @ 9:00 am
 - Soul Stitching is May 10th @ 9:00 am
- Lenten Project - raising funds for Storks Nest for donation for diapers, wipes etc.
- Noisy Offering - Storks Nest - Lent Offering for 2025 - April 27th

Religious Education

- 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.

Holy Week Plans:

- Thur. April 18th - Good Friday Service with Great Litany
 - No Meal - Sanctuary @ 7:00 pm
- Sunday April 20th - Easter
 - Easter Breakfast Serving starts @ 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
 - Easter Morning Church Service @ 9:00 am

Easter Plants in Memory of your Loved Ones:

- Let Patty know if you'd like an Easter plant in memory of a loved one. \$18.00 each



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

April 17th, 2025
Maundy Thursday



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Candle Lighting

Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 116)

One: I love the LORD because he has heard my voice and my supplications

Many: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

One: What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

Many: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD; I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

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

Many: Amen

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

Confession: black hymnal #835 (in unison)

Silent Prayer

Words of 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: "Trust and Obey"

Reading: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Homily: "Foot Washing in the 21st Century"

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

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



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

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.



A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples...

John 13:34-35a

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This Easter season, I will show my love for my neighbor by:

I will show my love for my community by:

I will show my love for Creation by:
