



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship



February 23rd, 2025
Seventh Sunday After Epiphany



Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Sunday March 9th @ 10 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Tuesday March 18th @ 5:30 pm - Office
- Mission Committee: Wednesday March 26th @ 6:30 - Office

Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting - Thursday Feb. 27th @ 9:00 am
 - Soul Stitching is Mar. 8th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - Feb. 23rd - Storks Nest - Lent Offering for 2025
- Lenten Project - raising funds for Storks Nest for donation for diapers, wipes etc.
- One Great Hour of Sharing Offering - March 30th

Religious Education

- "Jesus Said What?" series continues the afternoon of **March 2** (immediately after Fellowship) 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.

Lent 2025 Plans:

- Ash Wednesday - March 5th @ 5:30 pm St. Paul Catholic Church Traer
 - 5:30 pm Ash Wednesday Mass honoring Cpt. Hugh Wallace Breakenridge and Pvt. David Pulkrabek on the 80th Anniversary of the passing - Ashes will be available for all in attendance
 - 6:30 pm Past Bar Meal in the St. Paul Fellowship Hall - Free Will offering with a historical presentation during dinner

Ripley will offer Wednesday night Lenten Meals and Service in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy supper (free will offering) @ 6:00 pm and services in the Fellowship hall will start about 6:30 pm.

- Wed. March 12th - Lenten Supper @ 6:00 followed by Message
 - Wed. March 19th - Lenten Supper @ 6:00 followed by Message
 - Wed. March 26th - Lenten Supper @ 6:00 followed by Message
 - Wed. April 2nd - Lenten Supper @ 6:00 followed by Message
 - Wed. April 9th - Lenten Supper @ 6:00 followed by Message
 - Thur. April 17th - Maundy Thursday service - No Meal - Information TBA
 - Thur. April 18th - Good Friday Service - No Meal - Information TBA
 - Sunday April 20th - Easter Breakfast followed by Easter Services
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Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Invocation (Psalm 37:1-4)

One: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

Many: for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

One: Trust in the LORD and do good; live in the land, and enjoy security.

Many: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

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

Many: Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "This is the Day" (Black Hymnal #84)

Confession:

One: Our Gospel calls us to love our enemy.

Many: Too often, we choose anger and hate.

One: Our God is one of grace and forgiveness.

Many: We fail to live up to his example,

One: Forgive us, God, our failings.

Many: Teach us to serve 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 - "The More We Get Together"

Reading: Luke 6:27-38

Homily: "The Other Cheek"

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

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn:** "God Be With You" (black hymnal #81)

***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 Denis Winklepleck
CE helper was Josh Youel

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:

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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.

