



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 Mar. 6th @ 9:00 am
 - Soul Stitching is Mar. 8th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - March 30th - 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 TODAY **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 Pasta 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

Men's Lenten Breakfasts continue this year on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am with the first gathering on March 12th at the United Methodist Church. Stay tuned for more details.



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

March 2nd, 2025
Transfiguration Sunday



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Invocation and Call to Worship (Psalm 99:2-5):

One: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Many: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

One: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Many: Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

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

Many: Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Arise, Your Light Is Come" (Black Hymnal, #164)

Confession:

One: Our scripture calls us to see God's light in one another.

Many: We fail to recognize the Spirit within.

One: Our faith commands Beloved Community.

Many: We fail to love our neighbor 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 - "Siyahamb"

Reading: Luke 9:28-36

Homily: "Your Neighbor's Light"

***Hymn:** "In Christ There Is No East or West" (black hymnal #395)

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Communion

Invitation

One: Our faith is one of extravagant welcome. We honor God's table, open to all.

Many: We gather with all Creation.

Prayer

One: God be with you

Many: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts

Many: We lift them up to God

One: Let us give thanks to God

Many: It is right to give thanks and praise

One: God of all creation, we give thanks for your continuous care. We praise the living, mortal example of your son, Jesus Christ, who offers a path to salvation. We honor the Holy Spirit, who reminds us of your truth, your presence and your promise.

Many: God of Love and Grace, the whole Universe speaks to your Glory. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna!

Setting the Table

One: We remember that on the night of his betrayal and desertion, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "this is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup, saying, "Drink this, all of you. This is the blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Many: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

One: This table is God's table, open to all creation. These elements are the body and blood of Christ, broken and poured for you. This faith we share is the Spirit, which unites us in Holy Communion. For this, we give thanks.

Many: We proclaim our continuing faith in the Good News of Jesus Christ, and offer our lives in service.

One: Let us pray the words Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Call to the Supper

One: The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

One: The cup is the communion of the blood of Christ.

One: Jesus, Lamb of God
Many: have mercy on us.

One: Jesus, bearer of our sins
Many: have mercy on us

One: Jesus, redeemer of the world
Many: give us your peace

One: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

Sharing the Elements

One: Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you.

Many: Amen!

One: Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured

out for you.

Many: Amen!

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

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