
Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Sunday, April 13th @ 10 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Tuesday April 15th @ 5:30 pm - Office
- Mission Committee: Wednesday June 4th @ 6:30 - Office

Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting - Thursday March 27th @ 9:00 am
 - Soul Stitching is April 12th @ 9:00 am
- Lenten Project - raising funds for Storks Nest for donation for diapers, wipes etc.
- One Great Hour of Sharing Offering - March 30th
- Noisy Offering - March 30th- Storks Nest - Lent Offering for 2025

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.

Lent 2025 Plans:

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 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 Breakfast:

Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am - Come for food, fellowship and reflection

- Wed. March 26th - St. Paul's Catholic Church
- Wed. April 2nd - United Presbyterian Church
- Wed. April 9th - Ripley United Church of Christ
 - David C. is organizing
- Thur. April 16th - Clutier Community Church

Announcement: Communion Sunday - April 13th

- April 6th - "Mission Sunday" Come to worship and hear about things our members have been up to and our plans for 2025.
 - April 13th - We will celebrate communion on this day for the month of April.
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Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

March 23rd, 2025
Third Sunday in Lent



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 63)

One: O God... I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Many: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

One: ...for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

Many: My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

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

Many: Amen

***Opening Hymn:** "We Gather Together" (Black Hymnal #421)

Confession:

One: Our faith calls us to tend to our gardens, and bear good fruit.

Many: Too often, our spirits bear only despair.

One: Our Gospel reminds us to repent.

Many: We fail to reconcile ourselves to God.

One: Forgive us, God, our failings.

Many: Teach us to serve as we are called.

Silent Prayer

* Please stand, in body or spirit

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 worshipping with us online, please feel free to say hello in the comments, so we know you are here.

Children's Celebration - "Keep Your Lamps..."

Reading: Luke 13:1-9

Homily: "...Trimmed and Burning"

***Response:** "Not My Brother, nor My Sister" (black hymnal #519)

Offertory - "On Eagles Wings" sung by David Calderwood

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn:** "Lord, Make Me More Holy" (black hymnal #75)

***Benediction**

Postlude



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

CE helper today 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 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.

