



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship



April 13th, 2025
Liturgy of the Palms



Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Today - 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 April 17th @ 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 17th - Maundy Thursday service
 - No Meal - Sanctuary @ 7:00 pm
- 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

Men's Lenten Breakfast:

- Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am - Come for food, fellowship and reflection
- Thur. April 16th - Clutier Community Church

Easter Plants in Memory of your Loved Ones for the Alter:

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

Invocation: Luke 19:37-38

Processional and Candle Lighting: "Spirit Says Sing"

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1-4

One: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

Many: His steadfast love endures forever!

One: Let Israel say,

Many: "His steadfast love endures forever!"

One: Let the house of Aaron say,

Many: "His steadfast love endures forever!"

One: Let those who fear the LORD say,

Many: "His steadfast love endures forever!"

***Opening Hymn:** "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (black hymnal #216)

Confession:

One: Our faith is one of public witness

Many: We fail to stand for the poor, the immigrant, the oppressed

One: Our Gospel teaches love without exception

Many: We ignore the lessons the Good News offers.

One: Forgive us, God, our failings.

Many: Teach us to see, serve and 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: "Sing Hosanna!"

Reading: "What Have We Learned" by Loyd C Taylor, Sr.

Homily: "Marching Into Jerusalem"

***Response:** "God of Grace and God of Glory" (black hymnal #436)

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (NCH 844)

Prayers of the People

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

***Benediction**

Postlude

* Please stand, in body or spirit



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

Reader was Josh Youel
CE Helper was Lindsey Christie

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.

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