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### 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 April 10th @ 9:00 am
  - Soul Stitching is April 12th @ 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.

### 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. 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. April 9th - Ripley United Church of Christ
  - David C. is organizing
- Thur. April 16th - Clutier Community Church

### Announcement: Communion Sunday - April 13th

- 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

April 6th, 2025  
Fifth Sunday in Lent - Mission Sunday

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### Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

### Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 126)

One: The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

**Many: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

One: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**Many: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

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

**Many: Amen**

**\*Opening Hymn:** "Little is Much When God Is in It" (Red Hymnal #661)

### Confession:

One: Our faith calls us to serve one another in all humility.

**Many: We refuse to humble ourselves before God and our neighbor.**

One: Our Gospel shows us a path of service and sacrifice to meet the needs of others.

**Many: We ignore the lessons the Good News offers.**

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 - "Sleep in Heavenly Peace"**

**Reading:** James 2:14-17 & 26

**Homily:** Back Bay Mission Work

**\*Response:** "Make Me a Blessing" (red hymnal #670)

### **Offertory**

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

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

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn:** "We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed" (black hymnal 540)

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

\* Please stand, in body or spirit



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

Reader was David Calderwood

Find us online at [www.ripleyucc.org](http://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.*

