

Announcements

Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Today - Sunday, May 11th @ 10 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Tuesday May 13th @ 5:30 pm - Office
- Mission Committee: Wednesday June 4th @ 6:30 - Office

Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting - Thursday April 24th @ 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
- Sleep In Heavenly Peace Build Day, Ames - June 21st - More info TBD

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.

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

Reader today was Denis Winklepleck, Sr.
CE Helpers were Lindsey Coppoc and Josie Hulme
Accompanist was Carston Calderwood

Find us online at www.ripleyucc.org, or by searching "Ripley UCC" on Facebook.

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.



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

April 20th, 2025
Resurrection of the Lord



Paschal Greeting:

One: Christ is risen!
Many: He is risen indeed!
One: His steadfast love endures forever.
Many: Amen

Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Gospel: John 20:1-18

***Opening Hymn:** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (black hymnal #233)

Confession: (ref. Zechariah 7:8-10 and Matthew 22:36-40)

One: Our prophets teach a path of justice, mercy and compassion.
Many: We fail to stand for the widow and the orphan, the immigrant and the poor.
One: Our Gospel calls us to love of God and love of neighbor above all else.
Many: We fail to love each other as Christ has loved us.
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: "Hallelu, Hallelu"

Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Homily: "Rise With Him"

***Response:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (black hymnal #304)

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "He Lives" (red hymnal #368)

***Benediction**

Postlude

* Please stand, in body or spirit



"Easter 2020" (excerpt)

by Malcolm Guite

And where is Jesus, this strange Easter day?
Not lost in our locked churches, any more
Than he was sealed in that dark sepulchre.
The locks are loosed; the stone is rolled away,
And he is up and risen, long before,
Alive, at large, and making his strong way
Into the world he gave his life to save,
No need to seek him in his empty grave.

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This poem was written during the COVID epidemic. The poet felt isolated, even from his church, where he could not worship in person or take communion. These words serve as a reminder that Christ is living and present, and his Spirit moves among us, wherever we are in the moment.

This Easter, know that you are never alone. You have this church, our beloved community. More than that, you have the love of God. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. And we rise, together, with him.



