

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 May 8th @ 9:00 am
 - Soul Stitching is May 10th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - May 25th - Storks Nest
- Sleep In Heavenly Peace Build Day, Ames - June 21st - More info TBD

Religious Education

- More volunteers are needed to spend time with our children during the second half of each service. More than babysitting, this is an opportunity to help our children interact with curriculum (stories of our faith, thematic coloring pages, puzzles with iconic images, etc) and to help them build a lifelong relationship with the church. You can be the person they remember as a loving, supportive, safe presence at Ripley. Talk to Jim or any deacon if you are interested.


Open Mic!

- The Parsonage Series begins again this month! Join us May 14, 2025 for an open mic with featured musician Charles Michels III.

Recorded Music Sources:

Prelude: "Goodness of God" CCLI number: 7117726; CCLI license number: 22384815, 22384822, Size A
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Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship



May 4th, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (from Psalm 30):

One: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

Many: Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!

One: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy...

Many: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

One: Let us worship in the presence of a mighty and gracious God.

Many: Amen.

***Opening Hymn: "Enter, Rejoice and Come In" (black hymnal #73)**

Confession:

One: Our faith calls us to repentance and renewal.

Many: We remain so set in our ways.

One: Our Gospel invites us to the continuing miracle of salvation.

Many: We ignore the working of the Spirit within.

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: "De Colores"

Reading: Acts 9:1-20

Homily: "Growth and Conversion"

***Response:** "Power in the Blood" (red hymnal #329)

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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:** "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" (black hymnal #393)

***Benediction**

Postlude

* Please stand, in body or spirit



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

CE helper was Lindsey Coppoc

Find us online at www.ripleyucc.org, or by searching "Ripley UCC" on Facebook. Or join us for refreshments downstairs after the service. An elevator is available by the south door for those who need it.

Prayer requests can be submitted online at <https://tinyurl.com/3n324nvk>, or in person to Jim or any Deacon.

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