

## 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 15th @ 9:00 am
  - Soul Stitching is June 14th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - May 25th - Storks Nest
- Sleep In Heavenly Peace Build Day, Ames - June 21st - More info TBD

### Open Mic!

- The Parsonage Series begins next week! Join us, Wednesday, May 14, 2025 for an open mic with featured musician Charles Michels III. Weather permitting, we'll be outdoors. Please bring a lawn chair if you have one, and we'll put out others to share.
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## Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

May 11th, 2025  
Fourth Sunday of Easter



### Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

### Praise and Invocation (Psalm 23):

One: The LORD is my shepherd.

**Many: I shall not want**

One: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

**Many: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

One: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**Many: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows.**

One: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

**Many: Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" (black hymnal #4)

### **Confession:**

One: The Christian life is one of faith, repentance, and renewal.

**Many: We fail to make ourselves new.**

One: Our Gospel invites us to witness the sacred promise of the risen Christ.

**Many: We focus instead on secular and mortal things.**

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: "...In His Hand"**

**Reading:** Acts 9:36-43

**Homily:** "Resurrection"

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

### **Offertory**

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

### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Prayers of the People**

### **Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)**

**\*Closing Hymn:** "Because He Lives" (black hymnal #358)

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

\* Please stand, in body or spirit



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

Our reader today  
CE helper was Josh Youel  
Accompanist was Carston Calderwood

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