

## Announcements



### Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Sunday - August 3rd @ 10 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Tuesday June 17th @ 5:30 pm - Office
- Mission Committee: Wednesday June 4th @ 6:30 - Office


### Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting - Thursday May 22nd @ 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 next performance in the Parsonage Series is Wednesday, June 25th. We'll start with an Open Mic as always, then KATIE SIRES of *Katie and the Honky Tonks* will perform songs from their new album. By popular request, we will also be serving root beer floats. Bring a lawn chair if you're able, but come either way. :)

### Pilgrim Heights!

- Sunday, June 29th, in place of our regular service we will gather at Pilgrim Heights (3005 E Ave, Montour) at 9:30 in the lower picnic shelter. We will have a brunch potluck (details forthcoming) with music, scripture and prayer, then spend some time together canoeing, kayaking, pedal boating, and enjoying each others' company. Those who would like to fish should bring their own gear and a license. Watercraft and life vests will be supplied by the camp.
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## Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

May 18th, 2025  
Fifth Sunday of Easter



### Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

### Praise and Invocation (Psalm 148:1-3, 13-14):

One: Praise the LORD!

**Many: Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!**

One: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

**Many: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars**

One: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

**Many: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!**

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

**Many: Amen.**

**Gospel:** John 13:33-35

**\*Opening Hymn:** "They'll Know We Are Christians" (red hymnal #429)

### **Confession:**

One: The promise of salvation is open to all God's creation.

**Many: We fail to welcome the stranger, to accept them as sibling.**

One: Our Gospel calls us to love one another.

**Many: We harbor apathy and hatred in our hearts.**

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: "Love in Any Language"**

**Reading:** Acts 11:1-18

**Homily:** "The Gentiles"

**\*Response:** "Blessed Be The Tie That Binds" (black hymnal #393)

### **Offertory**

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

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

### **Prayers of the People**

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

**\*Closing Hymn:** "Be Thou My Vision" (black hymnal #451)

**\*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 was  
CE helper was Lindsey Christie

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.

*"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*