

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 29th @ 9:00 am
 - Soul Stitching is June 14th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - Today - May 25th - Storcks 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 25th, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (Psalm 67):

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah

Many: that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Many: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Many: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

One: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him

Many: Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Nun Danket Alle Gott (Now Thank We All Our God)" (black hymnal #419)

Confession:

One: Our Gospel calls us to love without exception.

Many: We fail to reach out to the lost, to welcome the stranger.

One: Our faith is one of justice and inclusion.

Many: We believe, but we do not act.

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: "Down to the River to Pray..."

Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Homily: "On Sacraments"

***Response:** "I Love to Tell the Story" (black hymnal #522)

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "God Be with You" (black hymnal #81)

***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 Christie

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.

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