



Meetings:

- Board of Trustees: Tuesday June 17th @ 5:30 pm - Office
- Board of Deacons: Sunday - August 3rd @ 10 am - Office
- Mission Committee: Wednesday Aug. 27th @ 6:30 - Office

Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting - Thursday June 5th @ 9:00 am
 - Soul Stitching is June 14th @ 9:00 am
- Saturday **June 21st** - Ripley Service Field Trip!
 - Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed Build Field Trip to Ames
 - Leave Ripley at 7:30 am (carpooling)
 - Work from 9 to 11:00 am
 - Lunch at Pizza Ranch
 - *Free Will Donation Basket out June 7th & June 14th reminder of cost taken care of by Mission Committee
 - Arrive back at Ripley approximately 2:00 pm
 - Sign up in the kitchen or contact Patty @ 319-269-7286
- Noisy Offering - June 29th - Storks Nest
- Tuesday **July 15th** - Volunteer - Tama County Fair Food Stand
 - In an effort to give back to our community/county our church will work in the food stand. In return for our efforts we will receive a stipend which the Mission Committee will pass on to a worthy cause. Our 2024 donation was sent to Greenfield, IA to help with tornado relief. Our 2025?? We are glad for suggestions.
 - More details to follow - we will need 5 to 7 for the noon shift and 5 to 7 for the support shift. Sign up in the kitchen.

Open Mic - Parsonage Series

- Wednesday, June 25th - Open Mic starts @ 6:30 pm
 - Feature Performer: KATIE SIRES of *Katie and the Honky Tonks* will perform songs from their new album.
 - Treats: Back by popular demand root beer floats.
 - Bring a lawn chair if you're able, but come either way.

Pilgrim Heights - (3005 E. Ave, Montour) - In place of regular worship

- Sunday, June 29th @ 9:30 am in the lower shelter
 - Enjoy Music, Scripture and prayer
- Brunch potluck following worship(details forthcoming)
- Join in time together canoeing, kayaking, pedal boating, and enjoying each others' company. Enjoy Fishing - bring their own gear and a license. Watercraft and life vests will be supplied by the camp.



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

June 1st, 2025
Ascension of the Lord



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (Excerpted from Psalm 47):

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

Many: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

One: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sounds of a trumpet.

Many: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises too our King, sing praises.

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

Many: Amen

***Opening Hymn:** "Alleluia! Gracious Jesus" (black hymnal #257)

Confession:

One: Our Gospel demands holy witness

Many: We remain silent in the face of injustice

One: Our faith is one of love, grace, 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.

* Please stand, in body or spirit

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: Sing Out!

Reading: Luke 24:44-53

Homily: "Bearing Witness"

***Response:** "Faith of the Martyrs" (black hymnal #381)

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "Lord, Make Me More Holy" (black hymnal #75)

***Benediction**

Postlude



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

Reader today was Josh Youel
CE helper was Cindy Youel

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."