



Meetings:

- Board of Trustees: Tuesday July 15th @ 5:30 pm - Office
- Board of Deacons: Sunday - August 3rd @ 10 am - Office
- Mission Committee: Wednesday Aug. 27th @ 6:30 - Office

Your Help is needed:

It's summer and we are all enjoying a little R&R some weekends. Help is needed to run music and the live stream. Please sign up in the kitchen. The Deacons appreciate everyone's help!! Training is available if you'd like.

Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting - Thursday June 26th @ 9:00 am
 - Soul Stitching is July 12th @ 9:00 am
- 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 @ 6:30, Katie Sires to follow

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.

Fishing and Fellowship

- Sunday, **July 20**, 11:00 am, Union Grove State Park
- Denis, Jr. will be on hand for expert advice
- Bring a license (age 16+), and gear if you have it



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

June 22nd, 2025
Season After Pentecost (Proper 7)



Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 22):

One: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

Many: For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him.

One: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

Many: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

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

Many: Amen

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

Confession:

One: Our scripture declares we are all one nation.

Many: But we build up false divisions.

One: Our faith demands justice and inclusion.
Many: But fear and inertia stand in the way.

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: "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

Homily: "Heirs of Abraham"

***Response:** "In Christ There Is No East Or West (black hymnal #395)

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***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.

Reader today was

CE helper was Lindsey Coppoc

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

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

