



Meetings:

- Board of Trustees: Tuesday Aug. 20th @ 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:

- Volunteers to help run music and the live stream. Please sign up in the kitchen. Training is available!
- Need a Ride to Church - Contact Pastor Jim
- Can you Give a Ride to Church - Contact Pastor Jim
 - Sign up in the Kitchen

Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting - Thursday July 31st @ 9:00 am
 - Next Soul Stitching Aug. 2nd - Notice 1st weekend of August
 - Noisy Offering - Today - July 29th:
 - "PS" - Project Share - Traer Municipal Utilities
- Winding Stairs Festival - Community Worship - Sunday Aug. 10th @ 10:30 Traer Memorial Bldg featuring Saltlight Band
 - Cookies and Bars are needed for fellowship - sign up to donate in the kitchen

Open Mic - Parsonage Series

- Wednesday, **August 13th** - Open Mic @ 6:30, featuring Birdie Young

Traer VBS - Needs Your Help - Aug. 4th- 7th from 5:00 to 7:45

- Financial donations can be put in the box on the back table in the Sanctuary
- Crew Leaders are needed - Anyone 6th grade and older
- General Volunteers for kitchen and other centers are needed
- Contact Christy for more information 319-269-0625



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

July 27th, 2025
Season After Pentecost (Proper 12)



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (from Psalm 138:1-5)

- One: I give thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
- Many: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**
- One: On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.
- Many: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- One: They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

***Opening Hymn:** "Sanctuary" (insert)

Confession:

- One: Our scripture calls us to "pray without ceasing"
- Many: We attend instead to the things of the world**

One: Our Gospel reminds us of the goodness of God
Many: We do not trust as we should

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: "Standing in the Need of Prayer"

Reading: Luke 11:1-13

Homily: "How Prayer Works"

***Response:** "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (black hymnal #505)

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

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

***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 Lindsey Coppoc
CE Helper was Josh Youel

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."





Sanctuary

by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

Chorus:

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

Verse 1:

It is you, Lord, who came to save
The heart and soul of every man
It is you, Lord, who knows my weakness
Who gives me strength with thine own hand

(chorus)

Verse 2:

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(chorus x2)



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