



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 July 10th @ 9:00 am
 - Soul Stitching is July 12th @ 9:00 am
- 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.
 - Sign up in the kitchen - we need 8 to 10 per Lunch and Supper
- Noisy Offering - June 29th - Storcks Nest

Open Mic - Parsonage Series

- Wednesday, **July 9th** - Open Mic @ 6:30, featuring Uncle Chuck

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



July 6th, 2025
Season After Pentecost (Proper 9)



Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 66):

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth

Many: sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

One: Come and see what God has done...

Many: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard.

***Opening Hymn:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (black hymnal #4)

Confession:

One: Our Gospel calls us to act out our faith.

Many: Too often, we settle for simple declarations.

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: "Take Up Your Spade"

Reading: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Homily: "Bring the Harvest, Shake the Dust"

***Response:** "The Servant Song" (red hymnal #424)

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Communion

Invitation

One: Our faith is one of extravagant welcome. We honor God's table, open to all.

Many: We gather with all Creation.

Prayer

One: God be with you

Many: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts

Many: We lift them up to God

One: Let us give thanks to God

Many: It is right to give thanks and praise

One: God of all creation, we give thanks for your continuous care. We praise the living, mortal example of your son, Jesus Christ, who offers a path to salvation. We honor the Holy Spirit, who reminds us of your truth, your presence and your promise.

Many: God of Love and Grace, the whole Universe speaks to your Glory. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna!

Setting the Table

One: We remember that on the night of his betrayal and desertion, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "this is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup, saying, "Drink this, all of you. This is the blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Many: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

One: This table is God's table, open to all creation. These elements are the body and blood of Christ, broken and poured for you. This faith we share is the Spirit, which unites us in Holy Communion. For this, we give thanks.

Many: We proclaim our continuing faith in the Good News of Jesus Christ, and offer our lives in service.

One: Let us pray the words Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Call to the Supper

One: The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

One: The cup is the communion of the blood of Christ.

One: Jesus, Lamb of God

Many: have mercy on us.

One: Jesus, bearer of our sins

Many: have mercy on us

One: Jesus, redeemer of the world

Many: give us your peace

One: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

Sharing the Elements

One: Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you.

Many: Amen!

One: Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.

Many: Amen!

***Closing Hymn:** "Sanctuary" (red hymnal #655)

***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

Special Music provided by Carston and Landon Calderwood

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."

