



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

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
- **Ripley kitchen volunteers - Be at St. Paul on Tue. between 4 and 4:30 to help with meal prep**
- Contact Christy for more information 319-269-0625

Winding Stairs Festival:

- UPC - 150th Open House and Pancake Breakfast
 - Sat. Aug. 9th 8:00 to 11:00 am
 - Volunteers for breakfast are needed: Contact Rhonda @ 319-478-8943
- Ripley Sponsored Community Worship - Traer Memorial Bldg
 - Aug. 10th @ 10:30 - Fellowship to Follow
 - Volunteers are needed to help serve

Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting - Thursday Aug. 7th @ 9:00 am
 - Next Soul Stitching Sept. TBD
 - Noisy Offering - Aug. 31: "PS" - Project Share - TMU
- Sleep In Heavenly Peace Work Day - Ames - Sept. 13th

Open Mic - Parsonage Series

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

Your Help is needed:

- Need a Ride to Church - Contact Pastor Jim
- Can you Give a Ride to Church - Contact Pastor Jim
 - Sign up in the Kitchen



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

August 2nd, 2025
Season After Pentecost (Proper 13)



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (from Psalm 107)

One: I give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Many: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble...

One: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

Many: For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things

One: Let us worship in the presence of a steadfast and loving God.

Many: Amen

***Opening Hymn:** "They'll Know We Are Christians" (red hymnal #429)

Confession:

One: Our Gospel reminds us to store up treasures in Heaven.

Many: We attend instead to Earthly things.

One: We are called to focus on love, grace, justice and inclusion.

Many: We do not see, serve and love 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: "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

Reading: Luke 12:13-21

Homily: "Keep Your Eye on the Ball"

***Response:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (black hymnal #472)

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: “Lord, Make Me More Holy” (black hymnal #75)**

***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.”