



**Ripley Church Meetings:**

- Mission Committee: Wednesday Aug. 27th @ 6:30 - Office
- Board of Deacons: Sunday - Sept. 14th @ 10 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Tuesday Sept. 23rd @ 5:30 pm - Office

**Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:**

- Quilting - Thursday Aug. 28th @ 9:00 am
  - Next Saturday Soul Stitching - TBD
  - Noisy Offering - Aug. 31: "PS" - Project Share - TMU
- Sleep In Heavenly Peace Work Day - Ames - Sept. 13th
  - Details to follow - sign up in the Kitchen
- Fall Gathering - Nov. 2nd - Services @ 9:00 AM
  - Join us for entertainment and meal after worship

**Open Mic - Parsonage Series @ The Parsonage**

- Wednesday, **September 10th** - Open Mic @ 6:30  
Featuring Robert Maharry

**Your Help is needed:**

- Need a Ride to Church? - Contact Pastor Jim
- Can you Give a Ride to Church? - Contact Pastor Jim

**Christian Women's Retreat - Dysart - "Faith Over Fear"**

- Monday Sept. 8 - 8:15 am to 2:30 pm  
Dysart Community Building - 418 Main Street
- Christian Motivational Speaker - Mandy McCleary  
*Step aside from your daily responsibilities and gather with other women to be encouraged and to strengthen your faith. The retreat is planned by women for women! Invite another woman to share the experience with you. Speaker, Interaction, Lunch, Open Worship*
- \$30 per participant - scholarships available - Sign up by Aug. 29th - registration paper on the back table.



# Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

August 24th, 2025  
Season After Pentecost (Proper 16)



**Welcome and Announcements  
Prelude and Candle Lighting**

**Invocation** (Psalm 103:1-8)

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**Many: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—**

One: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**Many: The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He has made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.**

One: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Many: Amen**

**\*Opening Hymn:** "We Gather Together" (red hymnal #790)

**Confession:**

One: Our faith proclaims that "God is still speaking"

**Many: Too often, we do not listen.**

One: Our Gospel calls us to learn and grow in the Word.

**Many: We become stuck in our ways.**

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: "The B-I-B-L-E"**

**Reading:** Luke 13:10-17

**Homily:** "How to Read the Bible"

**\*Response:** "The Church's One Foundation" (black hymnal #386)

### **Offertory**

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

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Prayers of the People**

### **Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)**

**\*Closing Hymn:** "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" (black hymnal #403)

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

\* Please stand, in body or spirit  
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Thank you for attending Ripley United Church of Christ.  
We're glad you came.

- CE Helper was Josh Youel

Find us online at [www.ripleyucc.org](http://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."*

