



### Ripley Church Meetings:

- 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 Sept. 4th @ 9:00 am
  - Next Saturday Soul Stitching - TBD
- Noisy Offering - TODAY - Aug. 31: "PS" - Project Share - TMU
- Sleep In Heavenly Peace Work Day - Ames - Sept. 13th
  - Details on lunch TBA - sign up in the Kitchen so that we can finalize plans
- 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

### Memories of Yesteryear!

- Reverend Otto F. Moede was Pastor of Ripley 1935-1936
- His Daughter, Louise Lex, who lived in our Parsonage and attended Ripley during that time, will visit our church on **September 21st**.
- Louise's daughter, Andrea, has written a biography of Louise's amazing life. Copies will available for sale after the service.



# Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

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



### Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

### Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 112)

- One: Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.
- Many: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful and righteous.**
- One: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.
- Many: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.**
- One: Let us worship in the presence of a just and loving God.
- Many: Amen**

### \*Opening Hymn: "This Is the Day" (Black Hymnal #84)

### Confession:

- One: Our scripture calls us to open our table to "the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind."
- Many: Too often, we close the door and harden our hearts.**
- One: Our Gospel preaches love, grace, justice and inclusion.

**Many: We preach, but do not practice.**

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: "De Colores"**

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

**Homily:** "A Longer Table"

**\*Response:** "For the Healing of the Nation" (black hymnal #576)

### **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  
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Thank you for attending Ripley United Church of Christ.  
We're glad you came.

- Our Reader today was Jhonny Watson
- CE Helper was Lindsey Coppoc

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."*

