



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. 18 @ 9:00 am
 - Next Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday Sept. 20th @ 9:00 am
- United Presb Church Blood Drive - Sept. 18th - 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm
 - Traer Memorial Building
- Noisy Offering - Sept. 28: "PS" - Project Share - TMU
- Fall Gathering - Nov. 2nd - Services @ 9:00 AM
 - Join us for entertainment and meal after worship

Open Mic - Parsonage Series @ The Parsonage

- Wednesday, **October 8th** - Open Mic @ 6:30
Featuring Madison Kolbet

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 be available for sale after the service.



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

September 14th, 2025
Holy Cross (Proper 19)



**Welcome and Announcements
Prelude and Candle Lighting**

Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 98)

One: O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

Many: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Many: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody

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

Many: Amen

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

Confession:

One: The Gospel calls us to trust in Jesus.

Many: Too often, we trust instead the things of this world.

One: We trade eternal life for momentary ease.

Many: We fail to heed the Message.

One: Forgive us, God, our failings.

Many: Teach us to grow 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: A Friend in Jesus

Reading: John 3:13-17

Homily: "John 3:16"

***Response:** "Trust and Obey" (red hymnal #571)

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
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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, 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."