



# Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship



September 21st, 2025  
Season after Pentecost (Proper 19)



## Ripley Church Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Sunday - Oct. 12th @ 10 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Tuesday Sept. 23rd @ 5:30 pm - Office

## Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting - Thursday Sept. 25 @ 9:00 am
  - Next Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday Oct. 11th @ 9:00 am
- 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 ([madisonkolbet.com](http://madisonkolbet.com))

## 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, visiting **today** and will share her memories.
- Louise's daughter, Andrea, has written a biography of Louise's amazing life. Copies are available for sale after the service.

## Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

## Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 113)

One: Praise the LORD!

**Many: Praise, O servants of the LORD**

One: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

**Many: From the rising of the sun to its setting; the name of the LORD is to be praised.**

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

**Many: Amen**

**\*Opening Hymn:** "Enter, Rejoice and Come In" (black hymnal #73)

## Confession:

One: The Gospel calls us to build up our stores in heaven.

**Many: Too often, we are distracted by the needs and desires of this mortal life..**

One: We trade eternal bliss for momentary ease.

**Many: We fail to follow the path our Christ has laid out for us.**

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 Celebration**

Pastor Jim is home with COVID this morning, so the Children's celebration will proceed a little differently. Please greet each other from your places and be seated. Those joining us online, feel free to check in in the comments to let us know you are here. Then, please direct your attention to the screen at the front of the sanctuary for the lesson.

### **Children's Celebration: ...In His Hands**

**Reading:** Luke 16:1-13

**Homily:** "Serving Two Masters"

**\*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**

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

**\*Closing Hymn:** "Lord, Make Me More Holy" (black hymnal #75)

**\*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 Denis Winklepleck Sr.
- 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."*