



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship



October 5th, 2025
Season after Pentecost (Proper 21)



Ripley Church Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Sunday - Oct. 12th @ 10 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Tuesday - Oct 14th @ 6:30 pm - Office

Note: Anyone with information for the Newsletter - please get articles to Annette by Oct. 20th.

Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Neighbors In Need Offering - Sunday Oct. 5th
- Quilting - Thursday Oct. 9th @ 9:00 am
 - Next Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday Oct. 11th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - Oct. 26th: "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)

Your Help is needed:

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

Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (Lamentations 3:21-24)

One: But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

Many: the steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

One: They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Many: "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

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

Many: Amen

***Opening Hymn:** "Great Is the Lord" (red hymnal #140)

Confession:

One: Our faith commands us to listen for God's still, small voice, even in the hardest of times.

Many: Instead, when we are overwhelmed, we turn away.

One: Our God is a God of faith, hope and compassion.

Many: We scorn his message, his words and his presence.

One: Forgive us, Lord, 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

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: "...All Ye Little Children"

Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4 and 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9

Homily: "Hard Times"

***Response:** "Day by Day" (red hymnal #718)

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:** "We Shall Overcome" (black hymnal #570)

***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 Lindsey Coppoc
- CE helper was Lindsey Coppoc
- Accompanist was Carston Calderwood

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."