



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:

- Quilting - Thursday Oct. 16th @ 9:00 am
 - Next Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday Nov. 8th @ 9:00 am
 - Noisy Offering - Oct. 26th: "PS" - Project Share - TMU
 - Fall Gathering - Nov. 2nd - Services @ 9:00 AM
 - Join us for entertainment, featuring Newsletter Trivia and a meal after worship.
- Review past newsletters on our website at ripleyucc.org

Open Mic - Parsonage Series @ The Parsonage

- Wednesday, **November 12th** - Open Mic @ 6:30
Featuring Robert Yeltman (robertyeltman.com)

Your Help is needed:

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



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

October 12th, 2025
Season after Pentecost (Proper 23)



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (excerpted/adapted from Psalm 111)

One: Praise the LORD!

Many: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

One: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Many: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

One: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom...

Many: His praise endures forever.

Call to Worship

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

Many: Amen

***Opening Hymn: "Sanctuary" (insert)**

Confession:

One: Our faith calls us to hope, even in the hardest of times.

Many: We forget the Gospel promise, and despair instead.

One: Ours is a just and loving God. His Word guides us. His son calls to us. His Spirit abides forever.

Many: We scorn his Word, his example and his presence in our lives.

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: "The More We Get Together"

Reading: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Homily: Serenity

***Response:** "When Peace, Like a River (It is Well with My Soul)"
(black hymnal #438)

Offertory: "Jeremiah 29 - I Know the Plans I Have for You"

Project Love - CCLI Song# 7257061

***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 Josh Youel

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."



Sanctuary

by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

Chorus:

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

Verse 1:

It is you, Lord, who came to save
The heart and soul of every man
It is you, Lord, who knows my weakness
Who gives me strength with thine own hand

(chorus)

Verse 2:

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(chorus x2)



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