



Ripley Church Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Sunday - Dec. 14th @ 10 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Tuesday - Nov. 11th @ 6:30 pm - Office

Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting - Thursday Oct. 30th @ 9:00 am
 - Next Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday Nov. 8th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - Today - Oct. 26th: "PS" - Project Share - TMU
- Fall Gathering - Next Sunday - 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)

Sunday School!!!

- In response to our continuing growth, Deacons and Trustees are exploring opening a Sunday School. We are in the process of discerning space/logistics and selecting curriculum. **Your help is needed!!!**
- If you would like to help teach K-6, please let Jim know.
- If you would like to help choose curriculum, please let Jim know.
- If you would like to help create a learning space, please let Jim know.

Thanksgiving Eve - Wednesday Nov. 26th

- Traer Ecumenical Service @ UMC - Wednesday Nov. 26th
 - More Details to Follow
 - Pr. Mark, UMC, will be directing a combined choir.
 - If you are interested in singing, please let Jim know, and he'll pass your info on.



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

October 26th, 2025

Season after Pentecost (Proper 25)



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 84)

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

Many: My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the LORD, my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

One: Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Many: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah

Call to Worship

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

Many: Amen

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

Confession:

One: The Good News of Jesus Christ is this: love God, love your neighbor, and love each other as the Christ has loved us.

Many: We cannot claim to follow Him if we do not follow these core commandments.

One: We get caught up in our rules and laws and theologies and interpretations, and we forget to simply love.

Many: We harbor petty thoughts and careless ambition.

One: Forgive us, Lord, our failings.

Many: Teach us to see, serve and love and 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 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: "Hallelu, Hallelu!"

Reading: Luke 18:9-14

Homily: "Self Righteousness"

***Response:** "Not My Brother, Nor My Sister (Standing in the Need of Prayer)" (black hymnal #519)

Offertory

***Presentation of our Offerings:** Doxology (black hymnal #780)

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "I've Got Peace Like a River" (black hymnal #478)

***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.

Pr. Jim is available to the community at 515-708-4343 (text is best) or jimatripley@gmail.com

"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."