



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship



September 28th, 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

Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Noisy Offering - Today - Sept. 28: "PS" - Project Share - TMU
- Neighbors In Need Offering - Sunday Oct. 5th
- Quilting - Thursday Oct. 2nd @ 9:00 am
 - Next Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday Oct. 11th @ 9:00 am
- 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 (excerpted from Psalm 146)

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Many: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God...

Many: who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

One: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down...

Many: The Lord watches over the stranger; he upholds the orphan and widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

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

Many: Amen

***Opening Hymn:** "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" (black hymnal #459)

Confession:

One: The Gospel calls us to God's embrace.

Many: We turn away, and walk ungodly paths.

One: Christ offers a living example, if only we would follow.

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

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

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: "Spirit Says Sing..."

Reading: Luke 16:19-31

Homily: "On Hell"

***Response:** "Blessed Assurance" (black hymnal #473)

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "When Peace, Like a River" (black hymnal #438)

***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 and CE Helpers today were Josh and Cindy Youel and 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."