



### Ripley Church Meetings:

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

### Fall Gathering - Today

- Join us for entertainment, featuring Newsletter Trivia and a meal after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

### Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting - Thursday Nov. 6th @ 9:00 am
  - Next Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday Nov. 8th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - Today - Nov. 30th: "PS" - Project Share - TMU

### 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.

### Supplies Needed for Our Church Home:

Toilet Paper	Paper Towels
Small Garbage Bags (13gal)	Large Garbage Bags (30 gal)



# Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship



November 2nd, 2025  
Season after Pentecost (Proper 26)  
Fall Gathering / Celebration of All Saints



### Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

### Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 149)

One: Praise the LORD!

**Many: Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.**

One: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

**Many: Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy...**

### Call to Worship

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

**Many: Amen**

**\*Opening Hymn:** "They'll Know We Are Christians" (red hymnal #429)

### Confession:

One: We are one in the Spirit, bound together by love of God and love of one another.

**Many: We forget sometimes the ties that bind. We neglect our Beloved Community.**

One: We get caught up in our own lives, and do not see the suffering of those around us.

**Many: We do not serve them as we should.**

One: Forgive us, Lord, our failings.

**Many: Teach us to see, serve and love 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 worshipping with us online, please feel free to say hello in the comments, so we know you are here.

### **Children's Celebration: "You've Got a Friend in Me"**

**Reading:** Acts 2:38-47

**Homily:** "For All the Saints"

### **All Saints Candle Lighting**

#### **Moment of Silence**

**\*Response:** "For All the Saints" (black hymnal #299)

### **Offertory**

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

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

\* Please stand, in body or spirit

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Communion: One Bread, One Body - John Michael Talbot #4872449



*With this combined service for All Saints Day, Fall Gathering, and the Blessing of the Quilts, we celebrate our Beloved Community—past, present and future. Please join us after the service for fellowship, a special lunch and activities.*

Thank you for attending Ripley United Church of Christ.  
We're glad you came.

- Reader today was Lindsey Coppoc
- CE helper was Josh Youel

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.

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

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

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: "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" (NCH 393)**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

## **Blessing the Quilts**

### **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.*

One: Our church has many hands.

**Many: Blessed be those who sew, who join together the fabric of our community.**

One: Our church has many hearts.

**Many: Blessed be those who give, who use their time and their talents to create enduring testaments to their love of neighbor.**

One: These quilts are destined for hospital and hospice, infant and elder, the homeless, the veteran, the oppressed.

**Many: These quilts are destined to comfort the afflicted and care for the stranger in all stages and phases of life.**

One: As we lay hands on these quilts and ask God to bless them, let us remember the love with which they were made, the warmth they will bring, and the compassion with which we send them into the world.

**[the congregation extends their right hands toward the quilts]**

One: The Gospel tells us the righteous will ask, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a

stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the Lord will answer, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me."

One: Creator God, who fashioned the heavens and the earth, we ask your blessing on these, the gifts our congregation has created.

**Many: We ask that you fill the hearts of those who receive them with the Spirit in which they were made.**

One: Keep them warm, keep them loved, keep them safe.

**Many: Amen**

## 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.**