



Ripley Church Meetings:

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

Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting - Thursday Nov. 20th @ 9:00 am
 - Next Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday Dec. 13th @ 9:00 am
- Adopt-A-Family / Giving Tree:
 - Tags Arrive at Ripley: Sunday Nov. 23rd
 - Packages return to Ripley on or before Dec. 7th
- Noisy Offering - Today - Nov. 30th: "PS" - Project Share - TMU

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 - 6:30 pm
 - 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.

Advent 2025 - Nov. 30-Dec 24 - Theme: Angels

- Christmas Church Decorating - Every one is invited to participate
November 30th - Sunday after Church - With a Fellowship Meal to follow

Fundraising Opportunity

- Farmer's State Bank will again be donating \$3 to the church of choice for each person who registers at their open house on Friday, December 5, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

November 16th, 2025
Season after Pentecost



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 34)

One: I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Many: Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

One: The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

Many: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Call to Worship

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

Many: Amen

*Opening Hymn: "Sanctuary" (insert)

Confession:

One: Our Gospel demands love of God, and love of neighbor.

Many: But we ignore the needs of so many.

One: The Christian path is one of service, even to those who are not like us

Many: We hedge, we judge, we set false boundaries around who we are willing to call, "neighbor."

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 Procession

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: "Lean on Me"

Reading: Luke 10:25-37

Homily: "Down to the River.."

***Response:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (black hymnal #472)

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "Lord, Make Me More Holy" (black hymnal #75)

***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.

- Reader today was Jhonny Watson
- CE helper was Lindsey Christie

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."



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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