



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship



November 23rd, 2025
Season after Pentecost



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 - (in two weeks) Thursday Dec. 4th @ 9:00 am
 - 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 - Nov. 30th: "PS" - Project Share - TMU

Sunday School!!!

- Volunteers are still needed to help facilitate Sunday school at least one Sunday a month. Please see Jim for details.

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.

Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 46)

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Many: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea...

One: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
 Selah
Many: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

Call to Worship

One: Let us worship in the presence of a just and powerful God.
Many: Amen

***Opening Hymn:** "We Gather Together" (black hymnal #421)

Confession:

One: Our Gospel calls us to be prophets, to "go before the Lord to prepare his ways."
Many: We wrap ourselves in our own lives, neglecting the call.

One: Our faith is one of grace, mercy and salvation.
Many: We judge where we should support, resent where we should forgive.

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: "Praise Him"

Reading: Luke 1:68-79
Homily: "Prophets of the Most High"

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

Offertory: "Luke 1:Benedictus" CCLI #:7253879
***Presentation of our Offerings:** Doxology (black hymnal #780)
***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (black hymnal #304)
***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 Lindsay Coppoc
- 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."