

Prayers of the People

Communion (see insert)

***Closing Hymn:** "Joy to the World" (black hymnal #132)

***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 Josh Youel
- CE helper was Lindsey Coppoc
- Advent Candle lit by the Hubbard/Bedwell family

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."



Ripley United Church of Christ

Celebration of Worship

December 7th, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent - Hope/Prophecy



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Candle Lighting

Invocation (Psalm 146:5-7)

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

Many: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever,

One: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

Many: The LORD sets the prisoners free.

Call to Worship

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

Many: Amen

*Opening Hymn: "This is the Day" (black hymnal #84)

"Joy" Candle: Romans 15:13

Confession:

One: Our Gospel calls us to magnify the Lord, to rejoice in God our savior

Many: Sometimes we lose sight of what is good in the world, and dwell in our own misery.

One: Our faith is one of boundless jubilation.

Many: We do not follow the Way laid out for us, and open ourselves to the joy and love that is promised.

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: "...Down in My Heart"

Reading: Luke 1:46b-55

Homily: "The Magnificat"

*Response: "My Heart Sings Out With Joyful Praise" (black hymnal #106)

Offertory:

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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

- **Sponsor a Poinsettia** in honor or memory of a loved one to adorn our altar.
 - \$16.00 each - contact Patty -
319-269-7288/pattycalderwood@gmail.com
- Dec 14th - Today - 2:45 pm - Ecumenical Christmas Caroling - Meet @ UPC for community stops, then gather at Sunrise Hill @ 4:00.
 - Return to UPC for Snacks and Fellowship - bring a snack to share
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