



Ripley Church Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Monday - Feb. 9th @ 6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall
- Board of Trustees: Tuesday - Feb. 10th @ 5:30 pm - Office

Hymn Refresh

It's a brand new year, and a brand new opportunity to liven up our worship! If you have a hymn you love and haven't heard in a while, or a new one you want to try, please let Pr. Jim know or write the title on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Let's sing something fresh together!

Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting: Thur. Feb. 5th @ 9:00 am
 - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday Feb. 14th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - Today - Jan. 25th: Project to be Announced
- Ripley Quilt Show - March 21st - Details TBD

Ripley Annual Meeting: Feb. 8th, 2026 after worship with Baked Potato Bar to follow in the Fellowship Hall

Weather Make Up: Feb. 15th, 2026 after worship

- Annual Reports were emailed out this week. If you did not receive one or would like a printed copy please let Josh Youel know. >There is a limited quantity in the rear of the church.
- Question to Report Contributors should be asked by Feb. 1st to allow research and possible resolution before the meeting on the 8th
- Sign up in the Kitchen to help provide for our Potluck Potato Bar

Lenten Plans 2026 - More details to come:

- Lenten Project: Storks Nest
- Ash Wednesday: Feb. 18th, 2026 - Details TBD
- Wednesday Night Meal and Reflections - Fellowship Hall
 - Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25
 - Sign up for meal prep in the kitchen.
- Men's Lenten Breakfasts - Details TBD
 - Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1st
- Maundy Thursday April 2nd
- Good Friday April 3rd
- Easter: April 5th - Details TBD



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

January 25th, 2025
Third Sunday After Epiphany



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude (CCLI# 7054931) **and Candle Lighting**

Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 27)

One: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
Many: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid.

One: One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life...
Many: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Call to Worship

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

***Opening Hymn:** "Peace Like a River" (black hymnal #478)

Confession:

One: Christ calls us to become "fishers of men."
Many: We fail to connect to our neighbor. We do not heed Christ's call.

One: Our faith demands action.
Many: Still we remain complacent.

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: "Fishers of Men"

Reading: Matthew 4:12-23
Message: "Fishing 101"

***Response:** "Spirit of Love" (black hymnal #58)

Offertory: "I Will Follow" Chris Tomlin - #5806878

***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 UCC. We're glad you came.

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

*Reader today was Denis Winkelpleck, JR

*CE helper was 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.

Pr. Jim is available to the community at 515-708-4343 (text is best) or
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