



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. Jan. 22nd @ 9:00 am
 - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday Feb. 14th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - Jan. 25th: Project to be Announced
- Ripley Quilt Show - March 21st - Details TBD

Ripley Annual Meeting: Feb. 8th, 2026 after worship

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

- Annual Reports are due to the Trustees Today - Jan. 18th
 - Reports can be turned in to Josh Youel, preferably by email to: youelcj@gmail.com
- Question to Report Contributors should be asked by Feb. 1st to allow research and possible resolution before the meeting on the 8th

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
- 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 18th, 2025
Second Sunday After Epiphany /
MLK Day



**Welcome and Announcements
Prelude and Candle Lighting**

Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 40)

- One: I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- Many: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**
- One: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.
- Many: Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.**

Call to Worship

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

***Opening Hymn:** "Arise, Your Light is Come" (black hymnal #164)

Confession:

- One: Our Gospel calls us to "come and see" the work our Christ has done.

Many: We know his life, but do not follow his example.

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: "If I Had a Hammer"

Reading: John 1:29-42

Message: "Come and See"

***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:** "For the Healing of the Nations" (black hymnal #576)

***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, Sr.

*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

Ripley extends its deepest condolences to the Winklepleck family, who lost Kairu Winklepleck, and Emmanuel and Njeri DeLeon in a tragic accident in Kenya earlier this month. There is a GoFundMe for the parents at <https://gofund.me/f5c916c84>