



**Ripley Church Meetings:**

- Board of Deacons: Sunday April 12th @ 10:00 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Thursday - April 14th @ 5:30 pm - Office

**Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:**

- Quilting: Thur. April 2nd @ 9:00 am
  - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday April 11th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - March 29th: Alive and Running more info in Newsletter

**Lenten Plans 2026 - More details to come:**

- Lenten Project: Maternal Health - Tama County
- Men's Lenten Breakfasts:
  - April 1: Clutier Community
- Maundy Thursday April 2nd - 7:00 pm at United Meth. Church
- Good Friday April 3rd - 7:00 pm at RUCC
- Easter: April 5th
  - Breakfast at 8:00 am followed by worship at 9:00 am

**Easter Lilies for the Altar:**

- **Sponsor a Lily** in honor or memory of a loved one to adorn our altar.
  - \$16.00 each - Coordinate with Patty, Christy or Dave
    - 319-269-7286 or pattycalderwood@gmail.com



# Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

April 3, 2026  
Good Friday



**Welcome and Announcements  
Prelude and Candle Lighting**

**Centering Hymn:** "Were You There?" (black hymnal #229)

**Gospel:** John 18:1-19:42  
One: The Word of the Lord.  
**Many: Thanks be to God!**

**Moment of Silence**

**Invocation** (excerpted from Psalm 22)

One: My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

**Many: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night but find no rest.**

One: Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**Many: In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.**

One: O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

**Many: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him...**

## Call to Worship

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

**Many: Amen**

## Confession:

One: Jesus Christ gave us not only his death, but also his life, that we may learn by his example and be guided by the Spirit.

**Many: We fail to follow the path Jesus laid out for us. We stray from him in thought, word and deed.**

One: The Gospel still calls to us—love God, love your neighbor, and love each other as He has loved us.

**Many: We do not love as we should.**

One: Forgive us, Lord, our failings.

**Many: Teach us your commands, that we may 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: "Jesus Loves Me"

**Epistle:** Hebrews 10:16-25

**Message:** "Provoking One Another.."

**\*Response:** "What Wondrous Love is This" (black hymnal #216)

## Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

**\*Closing Hymn:** "Old Rugged Cross" (black hymnal #195)

## \*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."*

\*CE helper today was

\*Reader was

Find us online at [www.ripleyucc.org](http://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](mailto:jimatripley@gmail.com)