



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship



April 5th, 2026
Resurrection of the Lord

Welcome and Announcements
Prelude and Candle Lighting

Easter Greeting

One: He is risen!

Many: He is risen indeed!

Praise and Invocation (adapted from Psalm 118):

One: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Many: Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

One: Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them, and give thanks to the LORD.

Many: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

One: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Many: Let us worship in the presence of a risen God.

All: Amen

***Opening Hymn:** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (black hymnal #233)

Confession:

One: Christ has risen!

Many: We fail to acknowledge Christ's presence in our lives and the world around us. We fail to see him in each other.

One: Our Gospel calls us to rise with him.

Many: Instead we rest in our complacency.

One: Forgive us, Lord, our failings.

Many: Teach us your Way, 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: "Hallelu, Hallelu"

Reading: John 20:1-8

Message: "Rise!"

***Response:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (black hymnal #304)




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 9th @ 9:00 am
 - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday April 11th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - April 26th Alive and Running more info in Newsletter

Lenten Project 2026

- Maternal Health - Tama County
 - We will conclude our collections at the end of April
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Setting the Table

One: We remember that on the night of his betrayal and desertion, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "this is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup, saying, "Drink this, all of you. This is the blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Many: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

One: This table is God's table, open to all creation. These elements are the body and blood of Christ, broken and poured for you. This faith we share is the Spirit, which unites us in Holy Communion.

For this, we give thanks.

Many: We proclaim our continuing faith in the Good News of Jesus Christ, and offer our lives in service.

One: Let us pray the words Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Call to the Supper

One: The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

One: The cup is the communion of the blood of Christ.

One: Jesus, Lamb of God

Many: have mercy on us.

One: Jesus, bearer of our sins

Many: have mercy on us

One: Jesus, redeemer of the world

Many: Give us your peace

One: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

Sharing the Elements

One: Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you.

Many: Amen!

One: Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.

Many: Amen!

***Closing Hymn:** "He Lives!" (black hymnal #368)

*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 David Calderwood

*Reader 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.

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