

### Ripley Church Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Monday - Feb. 9th @ 6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall
- Board of Trustees: Tuesday - Feb. 10th @ 6:00 pm - Office
- Mission Committee: Tuesday - Feb. 24th - 6:30 pm - Google Meet

### CE Volunteers!

As we start to attract more children and families, our Christian Ed. ministry becomes more and more important all the time. We still need volunteers to help. So much more than child care--this is a chance to engage and guide and support--to "be the church" our children grow to love. Please talk to Pr. Jim if you are interested in learning more.

### Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting: Thur. Feb. 12th @ 9:00 am
  - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday Feb. 14th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - Feb. 22nd: Project to be Announced
- Ripley Quilt Show - March 21st

### Ripley Annual Meeting: Today after worship - with a Baked Potato Bar to follow in the Fellowship Hall - Please join us for lunch.

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

- Annual Reports were emailed out. If you did not receive one or would like a printed copy please let Josh Youel know.

### 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

February 8, 2026  
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany



## Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

### Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 112)

One: Praise the LORD!

**Many: Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.**

One: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

**Many: Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid...**

### Call to Worship

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

**Many: Amen**

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

### Confession:

One: We are called to be salt of the earth, the light of the world.

**Many: We are afraid to let our light show, to be a beacon for the downtrodden and oppressed.**

One: Our faith demands service to others.

**Many: We fail to act.**

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: "Rise and Shine!"**

**Reading:** Matthew 5:13-20

**Message:** "Salt and Light"

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

### **Offertory:**

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

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Prayers of the People**

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

**\*Closing Hymn:** "There Is a Balm in Gilead" (black hymnal #553)

### **\*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

\*CE helper was Lindsey Coppoc

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)