



Ripley Church Meetings:

- Mission Committee: Tuesday - Feb. 24th - 6:30 pm - Google Meet
- Board of Deacons: Monday - March 8th @ 10:00 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Tuesday - Feb. 19th @ 5:30 pm - Office

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. 19th @ 9:00 am
 - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday March 14th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - Feb. 22nd: Project to be Announced
- Ripley Quilt Show - March 21st

Lenten Plans 2026 - More details to come:

- Lenten Project: Maternal Health - Tama County
- Ash Wednesday: Feb. 18th, 2026 - imposition of ashes @ 6pm
- Wednesday Night Meal and Reflections - Fellowship Hall
 - Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25
 - 6:00 meal followed by 6:30 devotion
 - Sign up for meal prep in the kitchen.
- Men's Lenten Breakfasts - Details TBD
 - Feb. 25: Traer United Methodist
 - March 4: St. Lukes Lutheran
 - March 11: St. Paul Catholic
 - March 18: United Presbyterian
 - March 25: RUCC
 - April 1: Clutier Community
- Maundy Thursday April 2nd - TBD
- Good Friday April 3rd - TBD
- Easter: April 5th - Details TBD
 - Breakfast at 8:00 am followed by worship at 9:00 am

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 99)

One: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Many: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

One: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Many: Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain for the LORD our God is holy.

Call to Worship

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

Many: Amen

*Opening Hymn: "Woke Up This Morning"

Confession:

One: As the apostles saw the light in Christ, we are called to see the inherent worth and dignity of all God's children.

Many: Instead we harbor judgment and hatred in our hearts.

One: Our faith demands love of God and love of others.

Many: We fail to make this love concrete.

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: "One of Us"

Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Message: "That of God"

***Response:** "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" (black hymnal #183)

Offertory:

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "Great is Your Faithfulness" (black hymnal #423)

***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 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 jimatripley@gmail.com