



Ripley Church Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Sunday - March 8th @ 10:00 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Thursday - March 19th @ 5:30 pm - Office

Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting: Wed - March 11th Afternoon until the Lenten Meal
Thur. March 12th @ 9:00 am
 - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday March 14th @ 9:00 am
- ♦ March 15th - Special Offering for One Great Hour of Sharing
 - ◇ The One Great Hour of Sharing Fund (OGHS) is managed by National UCC Disaster Ministries. OGHS supports partners worldwide with ministries that fund health, education, and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries and both international and domestic disaster response. The Mission Committee has budgeted \$100 for this offering and any other donations will be added to this amount.
 - ◇ In addition to this offering the Mission Committee will be sending \$1000 to the National UCC Special Relief Fund. These funds are used to provide national and international relief, for disaster response and recovery in connection with the OGHS Fund, and are specific to appeals for disasters like hurricanes.
 - Noisy Offering - March 29th: Alive and Running more info in Newsletter
 - Ripley Quilt Show - March 21st
 - The Congregation's help is requested Sunday the 22nd after church to help take down the Quilt Displays after this event.

Lenten Plans 2026 - More details to come:

- Lenten Project: Maternal Health - Tama County
- Wednesday Night Meal and Reflections - Fellowship Hall
 - March 11, 18 and 25
 - 6:00 meal followed by 6:30 devotion
- Men's Lenten Breakfasts:
 - March 11: St. Paul Catholic
 - March 18: United Presbyterian
 - March 25: RUCC - (David Calderwood is Organizing)
 - 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



March 8, 2026
Third Sunday of Lent



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 95)

One: O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Many: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

One: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

Many: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our maker!

Call to Worship

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

Many: Amen

***Opening Hymn:** "Come, O Font of Every Blessing" (black hymnal #459)

Confession:

One: Our Gospel reminds us that God's people are all people.

Many: We fail to recognize the "other" as our neighbor.

One: All are witness to God's glory; all are worthy of grace, salvation and witness.

Many: We fail to open our hearts, our lives and our minds to others.

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: "You've Got a Friend"

Reading: John 4:5-42

Message: "The Woman at the Well"

***Response:** "Blessed Assurance" (black hymnal #473)

Offertory:

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "I Love to Tell the Story" (black hymnal #522)

***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 Josh Youel

*Reader was Lindsey Christie Coppec

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

