



### 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. March 26th @ 9:00 am
  - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday April 11th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - March 29th: Alive and Running more info in Newsletter

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Quilt Experience weekend a success!!  
> If the Congregation's help is requested today after church to help take down the Quilt Displays.

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

- Lenten Project: Maternal Health - Tama County
- Wednesday Night Meal and Reflections - Fellowship Hall
  - March 25
  - 6:00 meal followed by 6:30 devotion
- Men's Lenten Breakfasts:
  - March 25: RUCC - (David Calderwood is Organizing)
  - 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 Alter:

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

# Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship



March 22, 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Lent



## Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

### Praise and Invocation (adapted from Psalm 130)

One: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

**Many: Lord, hear my voice!**

One: I wait for the LORD; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

**Many: my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning...**

One: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

**Many: It is he who will redeem us from all our iniquities.**

### Call to Worship

One: Let us worship in the presence of a redeeming God.

**Many: Amen**

**\*Opening Hymn:** "For the Beauty of the Earth" (black hymnal #28)

### Confession:

One: Our Gospel calls us to continual renewal and redemption.

**Many: We resist change. We are complacent in our sin.**

One: Our faith is a constant journey.

**Many: We stall along the path.**

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: "Coat of Many Colors"**

**Reading:** John 11:1-45

**Message:** "Finding the Beauty" - Annette Knoop

**\*Response:** "The Weaver's Shuttle Swiftly Flies" (black hymnal #464)

### **Offertory:**

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

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Prayers of the People**

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

**\*Closing Hymn:** "Take My Life, God, Let It Be" (black hymnal #448)

### **\*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."*

Special THANK YOU to all who made yesterday's quilt festival a success.

\*CE helper today was Josie Hulme

\*Reader was Johnny Watson

\*Other worship leaders were Josie Hulme, Denis Winklepleck, Jr., Jim Coppoc, Annette Knoop, and Patty Calderwood

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

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