



**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 2nd @ 9:00 am
  - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday April 11th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - March 29th: Alive and Running more info in Newsletter

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

- Lenten Project: Maternal Health - Tama County
- Men's Lenten Breakfasts:
  - 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 Altar:**

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



# Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

March 29, 2026  
Palm Sunday



**Welcome and Announcements  
Prelude and Candle Lighting**

**\*Children's Processional**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!" (black hymnal #213)

**Praise and Invocation** (excerpted from Psalm 118)

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

**Many: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

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

**Many: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**Many: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**Call to Worship**

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

**Many: Amen**

**Confession:**

One: Our Gospel calls us to turn to the Messiah always, crying,  
"Hosanna! Save us!"

**Many: We do not trust in him as we should.**

One: In both word and deed, the Christ has laid for us a path to  
redemption.

**Many: We do not follow.**

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: "Give Me Oil in My Lamp"**

**Reading:** Matthew 21:1-11

**Message:** "A Different Kind of King"

**\*Response:** "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (black hymnal #216)

**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 Dalton Hulme

\*Reader was Denis Winklepleck, Sr.

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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