



Ripley Church Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Sunday April 12th @ 10:00 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Thursday - April 16th @ 5:30 pm - Office
- Mission Committee: Wednesday - May 13th @ 7:00 pm - Office

Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting: Thur. April 16th @ 9:00 am
 - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday May 9th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - April 26th Alive and Running more info in Newsletter

Lenten Project 2026

- Maternal Health - Tama County
 - We will conclude our collections at the end of April

Thank you to those who celebrate the Easter season by sharing an Easter Lily in memory of their loved ones.

In Memory of:

Darrell Sivertsen

by Kathy, June, Kayla and Family

In Memory of:

Hugh Sr. and Rhea Calderwood
Fred and Edna Stoakes
Eleanor Eggleston

Doug Livy
Ruth Ann Stoakes
Wanda Mae Stoakes
by Hugh Jr. and Ruth Calderwood and Family

In Memory of:

Maggie, Jolie, Gerry and Jim Youel

by Josh and Cindy Youel and Family

In Memory of:

David Weston
Bill and Karolee Coppoc

by Their Children and Grandchildren

In Memory of:

Dan Corbett
Jen Barnes-Seger

by the Bagenstos/Coppoc Family

In Memory of:

Evelyn Miller

by the Coppoc/Bagenstos Family

Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship



April 12th, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter



**Welcome and Announcements
Prelude and Candle Lighting**

Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 16):

One: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
Many: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

One: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
Many: I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

One: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.
Many: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Call to Worship:

One: Let us worship in the presence of a gracious and loving God.
Many: Amen

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

Confession:

One: Jesus Christ is alive and present in our world.

Many: **Like Thomas, we doubt. We question his place in our lives.**

One: Our Gospel calls us to see God in each other, in our neighbor, in the orphan, the widow, and the stranger in our land.

Many: **We close ourselves to his presence.**

One: Forgive us, Lord, our failings.

Many: **Teach us your Way, 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: "The More We Get Together"

Reading: John 20:19-31

Message: "Seeing God"

*Response: "Be Now My Vision" (black hymnal #451)

Offertory:

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

*Closing Hymn: "Because He Lives" (red hymnal #358)

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 Lindsey Coppoc

*Reader was Jhonny Watson

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

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