



Ripley Church Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Sunday May 11th @ 10:00 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Thursday - May 21st @ 5:30 pm - Office
- Mission Committee: Wednesday - May 13th @ 7:00 pm - Office

Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting: Thur. April 23rd @ 9:00 am
 - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday May 9th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - April 26th Alive and Running - Suicide Prevention

Lenten Project 2026

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

Pastor Jim's "Ecclesiastical Council" @ Iowa UCC Conference Meeting:

- Sunday April 26th - Meeting Starts at 2:30, Ecclesiastical Council approx 3:45

Plans are underway for the upcoming conference meeting where Pastor Jim will speak before attendees. During this meeting, delegates will vote on his status as a pastor and whether he should proceed toward ordination.

A "cheering section" of supporters from Ripley is being organized to attend and show encouragement, with some willing to speak on his behalf. If you are interested in joining the cheering section, please sign up in the kitchen so that car pooling can be arranged. If you are unable to attend in person you can join virtually. Find the flyer with those zoom link details in the rear of the church.

Details:

- Hearty Brunch Fellowship at Ripley
- Leave Ripley approximately 12:00 noon - travel to Urbandale UCC Church
 - Carpooling sign up in the kitchen
- Attend Conference Meeting and Cheer Jim on
- Stop somewhere for Supper on the way home (Dutch Treat)

Summer Dates to Note:

- RUCC Volunteer @ Tama County Fair - Tue. July 14th - 10:00 am - to 3:00 pm
- VBS Hosted @ Ripley - Aug. 3rd - 6th
- Winding Stairs Festival - Aug. 7th, 8th, 9th



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

April 19th, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 116):

One: I love the LORD because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Many: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

One: What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

Many: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

One: O LORD, I am your servant.

Many: Praise the LORD

Call to Worship:

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

Many: Amen

***Opening Hymn:** "I Come to the Garden Alone" (black hymnal #237)

Confession:

One: Jesus walks beside us on the road to Emmaus.

Many: We do not recognize when we see him.

One: Jesus offers us words of guidance and assurance.

Many: We hear, but we do not listen.

One: Forgive us, Lord, our ignorance and negligence.

Many: Teach us to see you, to see your Spirit, to recognize your presence in every living thing.

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: "A Place in the Choir"

Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Message: "Breaking Bread Together"

***Response:** "Let Us Break Bread Together" (red hymnal #460)

Offertory:

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "Lord, Make Me More Holy" (black hymnal #75)

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 Josie Hulme

*Reader was

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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