



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:

- Today - Meeting Starts at 2:30, Ecclesiastical Council approx 3:45

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 has been organized to attend and show encouragement, with some willing to speak on his behalf. If you are still interested in joining the cheering section, just speak up, there's still room. 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.

- Join us downstairs for a Hearty Brunch Fellowship today
- 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 26th, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (Psalm 23):

One: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Many: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

One: He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Many: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

One: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Many: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Call to Worship:

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

Many: Amen

***Opening Hymn: "Day by Day" (red hymnal #718)**

Confession:

One: We are called to a life of fellowship and service.

Many: **We shun our obligation to God and each other.**

One: We are called to generosity of time, talents and treasure.

Many: **Instead, we store up earthly treasures, neglecting the kingdom of Heaven.**

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

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: Walking Together

Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Message: "By Our Love..."

***Response:** "They'll Know We Are Christians" (red hymnal #429)

Offertory:

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "Spirit of Love" (black hymnal #58)

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 David Calderwood

*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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