



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

May 10th, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter



Ripley Church Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: TODAY, May 10th @ 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: Thursday, May 14th @ 9:00 am
 - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday June 13th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - May 31st - Alive and Running (suicide prevention)

TEVBS Update!

Planning for this year's **Traer Ecumenical Vacation Bible School** is underway! It will take place August 3-6 from 5:00-7:45 pm at Ripley. Registration forms will roll out on all social media in the next couple weeks, and will be available in hard copy in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed for a number of tasks, including leading groups, setting up the space, prepping food, and helping with activities. Please let Christie, Becky, Jim or Lindsey know if you are interested.

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

Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (Excerpted from Psalm 66):

- One: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard...
- Many: I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows.**
- One: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- Many: Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.**

Call to Worship:

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

***Opening Hymn:** "I Woke Up This Morning" (Black Hymnal #85)

Confession:

- One: Our scripture teaches us that to love Jesus is to follow his commandments.
- Many: We turn away from the Gospel call to love God, love our neighbor, and love each other as he has loved us.**

One: Although we believe, we do not act.

Many: Our idleness betrays our faith.

One: Forgive us, Lord, our human failings.

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 worshipping with us online, please feel free to say hello in the comments, so we know you are here.

Children's Celebration: "...in my heart"

Reading: John 14:15-21

Message: "Mothering God"

***Response:** "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" (black hymnal #467)

Offertory:

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "God Be With You" (black hymnal #81)

***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 gratitude goes out today to all the women of the church who nurture our spirit, guide our actions, and teach us to love.

"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you..." -Isaiah 66:13

*CE helper today was Lindsey Christie

*Reader was Denis Winklepleck Sr.

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 jimatripley@gmail.com

