



Wear RED on Pentecost!

Next week, May 24th, we celebrate Pentecost. This day marks the descent of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Christ, and by extension, on us. In keeping with the imagery of the day ("tongues of flame"), we wear RED. If you are able, please come in your brightest, boldest red to celebrate the Spirit we share.

Ripley Church Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: May 17th @ 10:00 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Thursday, May 21st @ 5:30 pm - Office

Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting: Thursday, May 21st @ 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



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

May 17th, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (Excerpted from Psalm 68):

One: ...let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.
Many: Sing to God; sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him

One: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, Selah
Many: Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people.

Call to Worship:

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

***Opening Hymn:** "God of Grace and God of Glory" (Black Hymnal #436)

Confession:

One: We are one people, one church, with one God.
Many: Yet we let our differences divide us. We fall prey to schism and disunity.

One: Our Gospel calls us to reconciliation and unity.
Many: Our bitterness and pain obstruct us.

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

Children's Celebration: "...In His Hands"

Reading: John 17:1-11
Message: "That They May All Be One"

***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:** "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 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 jimatripley@gmail.com

