



**Ripley Church Meetings:**

- Board of Deacons: August 2nd @ 10:00 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Thursday, June 16th @ 5:30 pm - Office

**Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:**

- Quilting: Thursday, May 28thst @ 9:00 am
  - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday June 13th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - May 31st - Alive and Running (suicide prevention)

**Notice for Congregational Meeting:**

**Congregational Meeting - June 7th, 2026 Immediately following Service.**

The Board of Deacons is calling a congregational meeting for Sunday June 7th immediately following service (Approx. 9:45 am). The purpose of the meeting is to hold a congregational vote to extend a “Letter of Call for a part-time Settled Pastor” to Jim Coppoc.

Per Ripley UCC ByLaws the congregation must be notified for two consecutive weeks before holding a congregational meeting to vote on the recommendation of the Board of Deacons to issue a “Letter of Call for a part-time Settled Pastor”.

Questions can be directed to Board of Deacons Chairperson Christy Flamme @ 319-269-0625.

**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. 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 24th, 2026  
Pentecost/Memorial Day Weekend



**Welcome and Announcements  
Prelude and Candle Lighting**

**Praise and Invocation** (Excerpted from Psalm 104):

**One:** O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**Many:** **When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.**

**One:** May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works...

**Many:** **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

**One:** May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

**Many:** **Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

**Call to Worship:**

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

**Many:** **Amen**

**\*Opening Hymn:** “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” (Black Hymnal #59)

**Confession:**

One: Our scripture calls us, again and again, to make ourselves one with God and all creation.

**Many: We let our differences divide us. We fall prey to schism and disunity.**

One: The Spirit equips us to spread the Gospel to all people.

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

**Children’s Celebration: “Love in Any Language”**

**Reading:** Acts 2:1-21

**Message:** “In the Spirit...”

**\*Response:** “On Pentecost They Gathered” (black hymnal #272)

**Offertory:**

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

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (debts/debtors)

**\*Closing Hymn:** “Shall We Gather at the River” (black hymnal #597)

**\*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 Josh Youel

\*Reader was

On this Memorial Day weekend, let us remember, and lift a prayer for all who have gone before. Their service and their sacrifice is not forgotten.

Find us online at [www.ripleyucc.org](http://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](mailto:jimatripley@gmail.com)

