



Ripley Church Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: August 2nd @ 10:00 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Monday, July 13th @ 5:30 pm - Office

Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting: Thursday, July 25nd @ 9:00 am
 - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday July 11th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - June 28th - Alive and Running (suicide prevention)

- RUCC Volunteer @ Tama County Fair - Tue. July 14th - 10:00 am - to 3:00 pm
 - Sign up to Volunteer is on the counter in the church Kitchen
 - Do you like to bake? Pies/Bars needed for that day.
 - Questions contact Patty Calderwood 319-269-7286

Collection for Junkman/Knobel Center - Pathways - June/July

- Collection of items to be donated to the Residential Center
 - Towels - Gently Used is Acceptable, Twin Size Linens
- Furniture - Gently Used is Acceptable
 - If you have something to give we should contact them to make sure that it is acceptable and meets their needs.
- Cleaning Products
 - Dish soap, dishwasher soap etc
- Male and Female Hygiene Products
 - Soap and Shampoo/Conditioner Toothbrushes and toothpaste
 - feminine hygiene products NO Razors please
- Recreational Items - Gently Used is acceptable
 - Bags game or pool table, Board games, 1000 piece jigsaw puzzles, Art/painting supplies
- Contact Laura for Questions - 319-239-3188

TEVBS Update!

Traer Ecumenical Vacation Bible School - 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.

Winding Stairs Festival - Aug. 7th, 8th, 9th

- Ripley Hosts Sunday worship and fellowship after at the Memorial Bldg



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

June 28th, 2026
Proper 8



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 89):

One: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Many: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

One: Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

Many: they exult in your name all day long and extol your righteousness.

Call to Worship:

One: Let us worship in the presence of a faithful and righteous God.

Many: Amen

***Opening Hymn: "I Will Sing of the Mercies" (red hymnal #161)**

Confession

One: Our faith offers freedom from iniquity, a new life in grace and righteousness.

Many: We reject the Gospel. We fail to repent. We turn to our old ways, again and again.

One: Christ has set for us a new path of life over death, love over hate, freedom from the bondage of sin.

Many: We reject the freedom Christ offers.

One: Forgive us, God, our failings.

Many: Help us to grow into the new life you have promised.

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: "Siyahamba"

Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Message: "Lawless Love"

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

Offertory:

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

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 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 jimatripley@gmail.com

