



**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, June 11th @ 9:00 am
  - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday June 13th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - June 28th - Alive and Running (suicide prevention)

**Notice of Congregational Meeting:**

**Congregational Meeting - TODAY - 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!**

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.

**Summer Dates to Note:**

- RUCC Volunteer @ Tama County Fair - Tue. July 14th - 10:00 am - to 3:00 pm
  - Sign up to Volunteer in the church Kitchen
- VBS Hosted @ Ripley - Aug. 3rd - 6th
- Winding Stairs Festival - Aug. 7th, 8th, 9th



# Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship



June 7th, 2026  
Proper 5, Ordinary Time



**Welcome and Announcements  
Prelude and Candle Lighting**

**Praise and Invocation** (excerpted from Psalm 33):

One: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

Many: **Praise the Lord with the lyre... sing to him a new song**

One: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

Many: **the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

One: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him

Many: **The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.**

**Call to Worship:**

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

Many: **Amen**

**\*Opening Hymn:** "Enter, Rejoice and Come In" (Black Hymnal #73)

**Confession** - red hymnal #523 (from Isaiah 1:18 and 1 John 1:7-9)

## 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: "Jesus is the Rock (and He Rolls My Blues Away)"

**Reading:** Matthew 9:9-13

**Message:** "Mercy, Not Sacrifice"

**\*Response:** "Love Lifted Me" (red hymnal #508)

**Offertory:** "One of Us"

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

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## Prayers of the People

## Communion

### Invitation

One: Our faith is one of extravagant welcome. We honor God's table, open to all.

**Many: We gather with all Creation.**

One: Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.

**Many: Amen!**

**\*Closing Hymn:** "Just As I Am" (red hymnal #488)

## \*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 Lindsey Coppoc

CONGRATULATIONS to newlyweds Joe and Amber (Dixon) Earley!!!

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)



## Prayer

One: God be with you

**Many: And also with you**

One: Lift up your hearts

**Many: We lift them up to God**

One: Let us give thanks to God

**Many: It is right to give thanks and praise**

One: God of all creation, we give thanks for your continuous care. We praise the living, mortal example of your son, Jesus Christ, who offers a path to salvation. We honor the Holy Spirit, who reminds us of your truth, your presence and your promise.

**Many: God of Love and Grace, the whole Universe speaks to your Glory. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna!**

## Setting the Table

One: We remember that on the night of his betrayal and desertion, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "this is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup, saying, "Drink this, all of you. This is the blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Many: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

One: This table is God's table, open to all creation. These elements are the body and blood of Christ, broken and poured for you. This faith we share is the Spirit, which unites us in Holy Communion. For this, we give thanks.

**Many: We proclaim our continuing faith in the Good News of Jesus Christ, and offer our lives in service.**

One: Let us pray the words Jesus taught us:

## Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

### Call to the Supper

One: The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

One: The cup is the communion of the blood of Christ.

One: Jesus, Lamb of God

**Many: have mercy on us.**

One: Jesus, bearer of our sins

**Many: have mercy on us**

One: Jesus, redeemer of the world

**Many: give us your peace**

One: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

## Sharing the Elements

One: Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you.

**Many: Amen!**